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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The purchase of the National Bank of North America by the Continental National is announced, and is effective at once, says a Chicago dispatch. The combined deposits will be over $55,000,000.

The report of M. Francois de Loniel, on the Anglo-French agreement relative to Newfoundland, was laid before the French Chamber of Deputies Thursday. It strongly approves of the agreement and says: "It is chiefly important in putting an end to serious difficulty between two great nations. It is part of the general move for a rapproachment and union between France and Great Britain."

Russia has not yet sounded Germany in regard to the unlocking of the Dardanelles by international consent, so that the Black Sea fleet may issue forth.

PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY SETTLEMENT

DISPUTE REFERRED TO COURT OF INQUIRY

Rojestvensky's Squadron Ordered to Remain at Vigo Until the Negotiations Are Closed.

(Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 28.—4.07 p.m.—The Associated Press is authorized to state that a satisfactory settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute has been reached. Several details and formalities remain to be arranged, but the proposal to refer the matter to a court of inquiry has been accepted.

Approved By the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The Emperor has approved of the proposal to submit the North Sea incident to an international tribunal.

Ambassador's Views.

London, Oct. 28.y—1.07 p.m.—A statement has just been issued by the Russian ambassador as follows:

"We are in constant communication with the British government. As a result of these communications the embassy hopes that there will be a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The whole aspect of the situation has decidedly improved."

Cabinet Meeting.

London, Oct. 28.—The widespread interest in to-day's cabinet meeting was evidenced by the early assembling this morning of crowds in Downing street. These gatherings soon became so thick that the police were obliged to disperse them into the neighboring Whitehall district. Premier Balfour was early at work attending to his correspondence and receiving visitors, among whom was Lord Rothschild.

Russian Ambassador Benckendorff paid another visit this morning to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne at the latter's private residence before half-past ten o'clock. The ambassador conveyed to the minister further dispatches from the Russian government. The earliness of the call is accounted for by the necessity for placing the foreign minister in possession of the latest views of the government at St. Petersburg regarding the North Sea incident, so that Lord Lansdowne would be in a position to communicate to his colleagues at the cabinet meeting to-day the fullest details regarding the negotiations up to date. The ambassador's stay did not last more than half an hour. Ambassador Cambon again was present, and remained at Lord Lansdowne's a few minutes after the departure of Count Benckendorff.

There are evidences of increasing belief among well-informed persons that the dispute between Russia and Great Britain will not lead to serious complications, and that an amicable settlement will be reached. Russia, so far as is known, is showing every disposition to meet the British views, and it is conceded that the delay in replying to the British demands is easily explainable, on the ground that the Russian government naturally desires to be placed in possession from its own sources of all details connected with the occurrence.

Subsequently Mr. Balfour and Foreign Secretary Lansdowne had a somewhat prolonged conference. They then proceeded to the meeting of the cabinet, which was attended by the whole ministry.

The first division of the home fleet left the Firth of Forth this morning, and is expected to arrive at Isle of Portland to-morrow.

Remains in Port.

London, Oct. 28.—1.34 p.m.—Orders have been issued and acknowledged by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky that the Russian squadron remains at Vigo until the conclusion of the present Russo-British negotiations. This eliminates what was regarded here as one of the most dangerous features of the situation, namely, the possibility of a premature clash between the British and Russian squadrons.

Britain's Offer.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Great Britain has offered to submit the Russo-British complications to an international commission, and there is every reason to believe that Russia will accept this arrangement.

Commission Proposed.

London, Oct. 28.—The cabinet meeting broke up shortly before 2 o'clock, the ministers being, apparently, in the happiest frame of mind, thus confirming the belief that the crisis is in a fair way to be dissipated.

The cabinet to-day considered the Russian proposition to submit the question of individual responsibility to a commission. The details of the constitution of this commission have not been yet quite determined upon, but Russia has expressed her willingness to detach the commander of the second Pacific squadron and such other individual officers as may be found to have been directly concerned in the firing for examination by the commission. By agreeing to abide by the verdict of the commission Russia would undertake to carry out sentences which it may impose, and thereby it is believed the separate guarantee of punishment, which is so distasteful to Russia, may be obviated.

The Russian ambassador will see Lord Lansdowne again to-day, and is expecting further instructions from St. Petersburg as to final details. Unless the cabinet declines to agree to the proposition in principle, to which Lord Lansdowne has thus far raised no insurmountable objections, its establishment is expected to-night or to-morrow.

Outlook Brighter.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—2.10 p.m.—Despite the Chauvinistic tone of the Russian press this morning and the wild talk which is being indulged in regarding the possibility of war, the Associated Press is in a position to state positively that the situation has entered on a distinctly better phase and a basis for an agreement between the two governments now appears probable. There is some danger, however, that some untoward incident, in view of the existed state of the public opinion in both countries, may precipitate another crisis.

A possible solution, it is recognized by both sides, would be the submission of the affair to an international tribunal and that steps already have been taken in this direction beyond doubt. The mere announcement of the submission of the dispute to such a court would have the immediate effect of reducing the danger and tensions in both countries. The proceeding would be dignified whatever the result, and each country would be bound by the weight of the world's public opinion to accept the findings and act accordingly. If it is demonstrated that Rojestvensky acted without justification Russia will properly punish him. If it is established that torpedo boats attacked the squadron under the cover of the British fishing fleet or from the shelter of British ports or waters, then Great Britain will be compelled to offer the most humble apologies and make the fullest reparation.

Almost all the papers discuss the affair in a spirit of bitterness against Great Britain, which is not shared in foreign office circles, where the greatest desire to reach an amicable adjustment is manifested.

The Russian admiral's report is accepted without reservation as the true explanation of the happenings at Dogger Bank, and stress is laid upon the concurrence of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report that he was attacked by torpedo boats, with the declaration of the fishermen that the torpedo boats, of which the Russian fleet had none, ran in close to the trawlers before heading for the vessels of the Russian squadron. Attention is called also to the statement by the fishermen that a small vessel remained six hours at the scene of the disaster, while Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report is that the whole Russian squadron proceeded to the southward.

While it is the general disposition to throw the blame for all the loss of life upon the Japanese, some of the newspapers do not hesitate to intimate that it is Great Britain's private affair.

Held in Readiness.

London, Oct. 28.—Admiralty orders have reached Portsmouth to stop the leave of officers' limit and directing that the torpedo destroyer flotilla be kept in readiness to proceed wherever ordered.

British Warships Sail.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28.—The British cruisers Lancaster, Suffolk, Hermes, Doris, Endymion and Thesus sailed to the westward this morning. The Hermes is bound for Vigo.

MIOWERA WAS AGROUND.

Liner Went Ashore in English Bay and Was Held Fast For Two Hours.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Oct. 28.—The Canadian-Australian liner Miowera ran aground in English Bay yesterday afternoon in the fog. She was trying to find the entrance to the harbor, and Pilot Ettershanks recognized that he must be out of the channel before the steamer struck. Her engines were reversed and were going astern full speed when the Miowera grounded. She was on for two hours. Her stern was depressed and the bow raised by the water ballast system, and the vessel got off safely. A diver will make an examination to see if she will have to go into drydock. She was near the western side of the park, half a mile from Prospect point, where the Princess Victoria struck.

KITCHENER'S SCHEME.

Plan For Training Indian Army Will Shortly Go Into Effect.

(Associated Press.)

Simla, Oct. 28.—An army order is on the point of being issued giving effect to Lord Kitchener's scheme of distribution of the Indian forces. This plan will enable a better training for war conditions, and the result will be a greater concentration in the north and northwest provinces. Central and southern India will be by no means denuded of troops, but the post of Lieutenant-General of the Madras army will be abolished.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Oct. 28.—Steamer Kestrel, which arrived here this morning from Port Simpson with the election officers aboard, reports that while a steam launch, belonging to a man named Rudge, was taking a party of miners up Observatory Inlet the boiler exploded with terrific force, seriously, if not fatally, scalding Geo. Finlayson and a half-breed named Jones, and injuring more or less everybody on board with the exception of Wm. Pinder, of Victoria, who was at the helm at the time of the accident. The launch was badly wrecked.

The statement that the people of Canada supply nine-tenths of the capital for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway is a falsehood. The road completed and running will cost the country not over fifteen millions at the outside.

OTTAWA WILL RETURN LIBERALS

ELECTION OF STEWART AND BELCOURT CERTAIN

Three Conservative Candidates in Quebec Disqualified—Great Interest in New Brunswick Nominations.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Three Liberals so far have been practically returned by acclamation. One is in Berthier, Quebec. Telesphore Michaud, the Conservative candidate, is postmaster, and has not resigned. He cannot take his seat even if he does run. Chapter 11, section 9, sub-section A of the revised statutes of Canada, 1886, reads as follows: "No person accepting or holding any office, commission or employment, permanent or temporary, in the service of the government of Canada, at the nomination of the crown, or at the nomination of any of the officers of the government of Canada, to which any salary, fee, wages, allowance, emolument or profit of any kind is attached, shall be eligible as a member of the House of Commons or shall sit or vote therein." Maurice Shaver, the Conservative candidate in Russell county, is in the same position. He is postmaster at South Indian, and is not qualified to run. In Quebec East, Dr. Fiset, of the inland revenue office, was nominated against Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He has forwarded his resignation, and its receipt has been acknowledged, but as it has not been accepted by order-of-council, he is not qualified under the law. Sir Wilfrid has, therefore, been as good as returned by acclamation.

Will Return Liberals.

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—The Ottawa Conservatives have given up all hope of carrying the city. The Citizen, the opposition organ, says to-day editorially: "Birkett and Belcourt in the lead." They have thrown N. Champagne overboard. Ottawa will return two Liberals, N. A. Belcourt and R. Stewart.

In New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 28.—The crowds at nominations everywhere in New Brunswick yesterday were greater than ever before. The proceedings were without special incident, except at Charlotte and Westmoreland counties. In the former G. W. Ganong, Conservative, spoke so long that the Liberals left the hall after something like a general row, declaring the intention was to give D. Gillmore, Liberal candidate, no chance to speak. Mr. Gillmore addressed an open-air meeting at Rochester, where Hon. H. R. Emmerson was nominated. The regularity of his nomination was questioned, but Sheriff McQueen decided against the protest. The minister of railways spoke an hour and a half to great crowds, followed by C. A. Powell, Conservative. In St. John an immense crowd thronged the court house for five hours.

WORK OF INCENDIARIES.

Piers, Warehouses and Steamers Damaged—Fate of Crews of Vessels Unknown—Damage $1,000,000.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Oct. 28.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, swept over the piers, warehouses and shipping at the Bush Terminal Company's stores, South Brooklyn, early to-day. The loss is estimated at more than $1,000,000. One life, that of a policeman, is known to have been lost and other dead may be found later. A fireman was badly injured. Four fine ocean-going steamships were badly damaged, having been ablaze from bow to stern and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of cotton, hemp and general cargo that the China ships bring in were partially destroyed.

After a battle of more than three hours by the entire Brooklyn department, the flames were pronounced under control.

At first the firemen could make no headway. Fanned by a strong breeze the smoke from the burning hemp prevented the men from approaching one section of the fire, while the blaze in the burning cotton and in the holds of the steamships could not be affected by the water.

As to the fate of the crews of the ships nothing definite is known.

The vessels were the American, Arizona and Nebraskan, of the American & Hawaiian Steamship Company, and the Citta di Palermo, of the Italian line. They were warped tightly to the pier and tugs could not get alongside owing to the intense heat.

That the fire is of incendiary nature is the belief of two private detectives and two watchmen. Last Tuesday morning fire in one of the many piers of the company started mysteriously and destroyed $50,000 to $75,000 worth of cotton. Much feeling is said to exist between the Terminal Company and some of the residents of the neighborhood because the company desires to close certain South Brooklyn streets. After Tuesday's fire the company employed private detectives.

"The government has not the latitude, it has not the means of saving public money as a private company has of saving its."—Sir Charles Tupper.

THE RAIDERS.

The Russian Steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg Have Been Commissioned as Cruisers.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—By order of Emperor Nicholas, the cruisers Smolensk and St. Petersburg have been commissioned as cruisers in the active fleet and rechristened the Rion and Dnieper.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Hon. A. G. Blair Presided at Yesterday's Sitting of Railway Commission.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Those Conservatives who have been appealing to Hon. A. G. Blair to go and help them will be very much disgusted to learn that he presided at the railway commission board yesterday in hearing the case of expropriation of lands for the union station in Toronto.

Hon. John Morley arrived in the city at noon to-day. He is a guest at Rideau Hall. Mr. Morley will be in Toronto to-morrow.

READY FOR LAST DEADLY STRUGGLE

JAPANESE PRESSING CLOSER ON FORTRESS

Number of Forts Captured by the Besiegers—Russian Fleet Badly Damaged by Shells.

(Associated Press.)

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—A private letter from Port Arthur, dated October 21st, received here to-day, says:

"Gen. Stoessel wired the Russian Emperor and court recently: 'I now bid you all good-bye, forever, Port Arthur is my grave.'

"Gen. Stoessel has instilled the garrison of the besieged fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation.

"The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications. The arsenal, with its contents of ammunition and small arms, has been destroyed, and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off, wells are being sunk. Provisions are scarce, only tinned meats being left. The soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed by the shells.

"Simonoff, it is said, would surrender, but is overruled by Gen. Stoessel. Some of the troops in the garrison have to be closely watched for fear of desertion or treachery.

"The hospitals are crowded, and hygienic problems are becoming desperate.

"The bombardment becomes so fierce at times that it is impossible to bury the dead at any depth.

"Over one-half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick.

"The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed has practically destroyed the new town.

"When the fleet attempted to break through the blockade some time ago the garrison was to have made a desperate sortie and inflict as much damage as possible, and if necessary capitulate. The effort of the fleet to escape failing, frustrated the plan.

"The besiegers are pressing closer, and it is hard to say how long we can hold out. When the end comes there will be a desperate fight and surprise. Thousands of the enemy will perish as everything is mined."

This letter was entrusted to a native boatman who ran the blockade and mailed it at Chefoo. The recipient is a prominent continental business man of this city with a branch house at Port Arthur.

POSITIONS CARRIED BY THE JAPANESE.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—4.30 p. m.—It is reported that the Japanese opened a desperate attack on the eastern forts of the Keekwan group, north of Port Arthur, during the morning of October 25th, and silenced the Russian batteries. A shell exploded the Russian magazines.

Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Rinlung mountain and Sunghohowian mountain, silenced the Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of these mountains.

On October 26th there was a conflagration in old Port Arthur, and on October 27th a shell hit the Russian battleship Sevastopol, and two Russian steamers were sunk.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF RETURNING TO RUSSIA.

Harbin, Oct. 28.—Viceroy Alexieff today issued his farewell order of the day. It is as follows:

"In execution of His Majesty's order I am leaving for St. Petersburg. I thank all the officers of the Pacific fleet most heartily for their self-sacrificing work at sea, during the last ten months, which, in the matter of destroying the enemy's mines, has been attended with grave danger. I consider it my duty to thank particularly the seamen at Port Arthur, who, while showing great fighting powers, have worked harmoniously and zealously with the gallant soldiers in the fortress, and with their guts, their valor and their knowledge, have helped in the heroic defences of the fortress against the advance of a self-willed and stubborn enemy."

W. W. B. M'INNES TO SPEAK TO-NIGHT

GIFTED ORATOR AT BIG LIBERAL RALLY

Meeting Is to Be Held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Beginning at 8 O'Clock.

This evening there will be a grand rally in the interests of Geo. Riley in the A. O. U. W. hall. The meeting will be one of the best of the present campaign. W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., will be the principal speaker. The fact that Mr. McInnes is to be at the meeting will insure a very large attendance, and it is expected that the hall will be filled to overflowing. Mr. McInnes is too well known in Victoria to need any introduction. During the sitting of the legislature the announcement that he has the floor is the signal for filling the galleries, so anxious is the public to hear this gifted orator.

Wherever Mr. McInnes has spoken during the campaign he has exposed the weakness of the Conservative party's contentions with respect to the issues of the campaign. At New Westminster he took occasion to answer Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper and succeeded in showing up the great champion of the Conservative party in his proper light.

Mr. McInnes will speak at Colwood this afternoon at Ralph Smith's meeting, and will then come into Victoria to take part in this evening's rally.

In addition to Mr. McInnes and Mr. Riley, the Liberal candidate, there will be present C. H. Lugrin and Col. Gregory, who will deliver very short speeches.

The doors will be open at 7.30, and at 8 o'clock the speeches will begin. Ladies are invited to be present, accommodation being provided for them.

This afternoon Mr. Smith is meeting his constituents at Colwood school house. In the evening Mr. Smith will hold a rally at Metchosin. He will speak himself at this meeting, and there will also be present J. D. McNiven, M. P. P., and other local speakers. The addresses will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On Saturday Mr. Smith will hold a meeting at Charter's hall, West Sooke, commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Ralph Smith, W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., and B. J. Perry will speak.

On Wednesday next a smoker will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club.

In the list of names appearing on the nomination paper of Col. Prior are several which cannot be found upon the voters' list for the riding. There are said to be at least five names of non-voters on the paper.

The Socialists and Conservatives seem to be working in harmony in all the constituencies, but especially in Nanaimo, where J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the boss of the McBride government, is conspiring with the Conservatives to defeat Ralph Smith. It will be interesting to learn, after the election is over, just how many straight, old-line Conservatives will dance to the music provided by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. The Times believes there are hundreds that will decline to do so.

At a meeting held in Chilliwack a few days ago Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper spoke in a well-nigh empty room. Upon his rising to address the audience the majority of those present walked out of the meeting.

Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate, has just completed a tour through Okanagan and the outlook there is very hopeful. Mr. Ross is at present holding meetings along the line of the C. P. R., and is well received everywhere. His principal supporters predict that he will poll as many votes as the Socialist and Conservative candidates combined.

WILL RECEIVE LASHING.

Two Boys Sentenced by Judge Harrison in Court To-Day For Indecent Assault.

To-day the trial of the three boys, Bartlett, Humber and Stewart, charged with indecent assault, was completed before Judge Harrison. Two of the boys were found guilty and sentenced to terms in jail together with punishment by means of the lash.

Just after the offence was committed the provincial police officers got confessions from the three boys. At the trial before Judge Harrison the statements made by the boys were attacked by their counsel, D. M. Eberts, K. C., Geo. Powell and Harold Robertson. On account of some irregularities having been connected with the taking of these statements from the boys they were set aside. The police, it was acknowledged, had done the best thing possible in taking these even if not altogether regular.

These set aside, the prosecution had to seek other evidence. To-day when the case was called Geo. Powell, representing Stewart, moved for his discharge. This was granted by His Honor, and immediately following A. E. Belyea, K. C., representing the crown, called Stewart as a witness. His evidence incriminated the others. His Honor decided that Bartlett and Humber were guilty, and sentenced them. Bartlett was sentenced to one year's imprisonment with two whippings of twelve lashes each. Humber was given nine months in jail with twelve lashes. Bartlett is 17 years of age, and Humber is only 15 years old.

New York's great underground railway, the latest step in the movement toward rapid transit for the old city, was formally declared open and ready for business on Thursday.

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DISPATCHES FROM RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

TEXT OF MESSAGES RECEIVED BY CZAR

A Complicated Situation—Fishermen Declare There Were No Japanese Boats With Trawlers.

London, Oct. 27.—One of the most complicated diplomatic questions in some years exists to-night with no sign of immediate settlement.

The tension that arose into the simple question whether Russia would guarantee in advance that some punishment should be administered to the offending officers of the second Pacific squadron has been modified by the introduction of an entirely new set of contentions contained in Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report, yet even the most astute diplomats who recognize a temporary improvement in conditions, are puzzled by the complications that so curiously arise. However, there is to-night at the embassies of the powers not concerned in the dispute, a very strong conviction that a way out will be found other than in recourse to war.

The foreign office apparently, as puzzled as the others, pursues the policy of silence and the British press is almost totally uniform.

Admiral Rosjestvensky's report has not arrived, or it is probable the dispute would have been settled one way or the other to-night. Its terms, however, are generally held to prevent the presentation of the ultimatum which Great Britain undoubtedly intended to send. Despite Lord Lansdowne's frank confession that the circumstances reported by Admiral Rojestvensky are to him inconceivable, the foreign minister is not prevented from seeing that new light has been thrown on the "outrage," and that diplomatic usage now compels less urgent action than the British government at first contemplated.

In the present temper of the British nation it is not at all likely that preparations for hostilities will be relaxed or that the popular outcry will be diminished by Admiral Rojestvensky's report, but it is understood that Great Britain will run the risk of forfeiting in some degree the goodwill of France and certainly that of Germany if she proceeded to substitute warlike for diplomatic preparations of which intention, so it is stated at the Russian embassy to-night, there is no indication in Lord Lansdowne's communication.

The attitude of France is held to be of the highest importance. It was said to-day by the representative of another great power, that if France had given definite assurances that she would not support Russia in the event of war growing out of the North Sea incident a hostile issue would have been almost inevitable, as the temptation to crush the Russian naval power after such provocation would scarcely have been refused by Great Britain.

So long as Great Britain is not sure whether France will help Russia she will not be likely to engage in war, while Russia, with France neutral, would also, it is thought, scarcely invite defeat.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, after reading Admiral Rojestvensky's report, reiterates his statement that it was impossible that any Japanese torpedo boats could have been where the Russian admiral thought them.

Perhaps the most significant development is the cabinet meeting which is called for noon to-day. While the call was issued prior to the receipt of Rojestvensky's report, which changed the situation considerably and appears to place some of the burden of proof on Great Britain, the meeting undoubtedly marks the reaching of a serious stage.

Admiral Rojestvensky's report seemed to stagger almost everyone. Its statements were met with incredulity and apparently the reply was regarded as merely an adroit counter in order to get in line. The drift of the admiral's telegrams are calculated to inflame instead of appease the British feeling.

Naval Activity Continues.

London, Oct. 28.—Notwithstanding the diplomatic check in consequence of Admiral Rojestvensky's report it is evident that Great Britain is preparing for the possibility of war. Tremendous activity is reported from all dockyards, where vessels under repair are being made ready for sea under urgent orders from the admiralty.

At Cardiff it is stated that admiralty agents are securing great quantities of coal for Gibraltar, Portsmouth, Malta and other ports and paying high freights. The Mediterranean fleet is hastening in the direction of Gibraltar, and it is announced that the Channel squadron with decks cleared will leave Gibraltar this morning, its alleged object being a "sham attack on the rock." The home fleet likewise is concentrating. In fact, almost the entire British navy is pointed in the direction of the Baltic fleet, a portion of which is expected to sail from Vigo during to-day.

Admiral Rojestvensky's statement is dismissed as absolutely inaccurate and unworthy of the slightest consideration. The fishermen are emphatic in declaring that it can be proved beyond doubt that there are no Japanese torpedo boats in the vicinity of the Dogger Bank. Fur-

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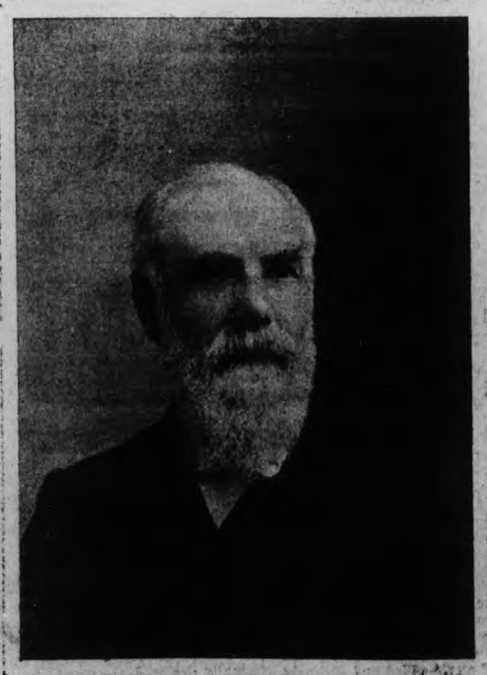

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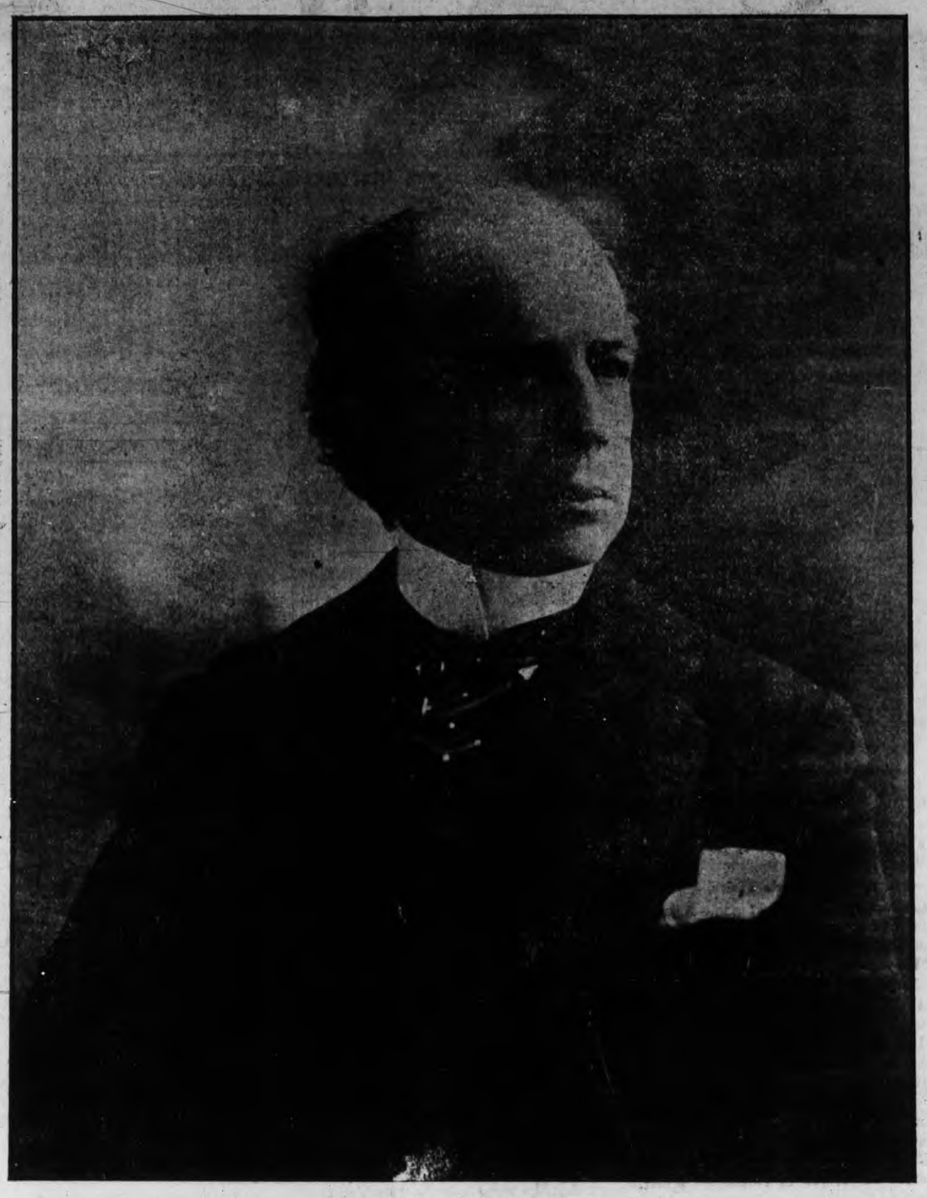


SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Cabinet of Empire Bulders.

The ministry of the day in Canada is the strongest, safest and most progressive this country has ever had. Under the beneficent administration of Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada has enjoyed an unprecedented season of prosperity, and the Liberals have shown to the old Conservative party that they have "the instincts of government" in a fuller measure than any Tory government that ever mismanaged the affairs of the Dominion.

Perhaps in no better way was the sagacity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier been shown than in the choice of his colleagues. He is a judge of men. When he was called upon in 1896 to form a government there were shouts of derision from the Conservative press. Tory papers effervesced with ridicule at the idea of Grits having in their ranks enough men of affairs to fill the portfolios. What was the outcome? The result was the famous "cabinet of premiers" when Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Henri Joly and others who had wisely guided the affairs of the provinces, were called to the larger sphere of Dominion politics. Since then there have been changes in the ministry. Some of those in the first Laurier cabinet have passed away to their long home; others have accepted positions of the highest dignity and trust—but at no time has Sir Wilfrid Laurier ever had any difficulty in finding plenty of strong, able men as his colleagues, and his judgment has never been amiss in choosing the man who is adapted by natural talent and training to do the best service to the country.

To-day Sir Wilfrid has at the council board some of those who held office with him in the first cabinet, Sir Richard Mulock, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Paterson, Sir Frederick Borden, Mr. Sifton, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Scott are still at their desks in parliament, and still giving service to the full measure of their great abilities to the land they love.

The great achievement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's public life, so far as internal affairs go, will be the construction of the National Transcontinental railway. When the Canadian Pacific was first built, Sir Charles Tupper, with the utmost extravagance of his rhetoric, was used to picturing a Northwest filled with teeming millions of people, happy and prosperous. The C. P. R. was built, the money was expended, and the Conservative party rested. People drifted in as they would. But under the vigorous immigration policy of the Laurier government the great west is rapidly filling up with the best class of nation builders—the Liberal party has made a present fact what Conservatives had been content to see only as a vision—a possibility in the remote future.

But the land grants made to the C. P. R. by the Conservative government had forced settlement to the north where were millions of acres of wheat land still in virgin soil. These settlers were without railways. They were burdened by excessive freight rates. Their condition was only made tolerable by the abundance of the land they lived in. Sir Wilfrid, with prophetic vision, saw the needs, the growing and imperative needs of this country, the future before it, and speedily sought to relieve the situation. By an agreement with the Grand Trunk directors, he has made sure a railway that will meet the requirements of the Northwest for many years; a railway that will make possible the rapid moving of the season's crops; a railway that will carry the traffic of the four continents. Sir Wilfrid has explained his plan in luminous speeches in the House during the past session, and it is looked upon as the crowning achievement of a long and honorable career.

Gentle, affable and with a winning courtesy, Sir Wilfrid is yet forceful and firm—a born leader of men, and preeminently the greatest figure in Canadian political history.

A Genius of Finance.

In the person of Mr. Fielding, Canada has a minister with a genius for finance. Resourceful in expedient, skilful in planning and clear and logical in setting forth his views and measures, Mr. Fielding has done more by wise tariff legislation for the prosperity of Canada, for the encouragement of her manufactures, for the equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation, than any of his predecessors in the office. In the past session he added to his other achievements—the preference tariff and others—the anti-dumping law that will effectually prevent the use of Canada as a slaughter market for American goods to the ruin of Canadian manufacturers.

Sir William Mulock has one of the greatest records in the world as an administrator of post office affairs. Eight years ago, when he became postmaster general, there was the burden of a deficit of $700,000 for him to assume. Since then he has increased the postal facilities of the country, provided for carrying mails to the far north, and the Yukon, increased salaries of postmasters, clerks and letter carriers, reduced the postage rates within the Empire, and with foreign countries, and closed the last fiscal year with a surplus of over $300,000.

Sir Frederick Borden's great work of the past session has been the reorganization of the militia of Canada, under the new Militia Act. Under his administration, the militia of Canada have yearly drills, they are being properly equipped with modern arms, they have been made an efficient fighting force, well-housed, well drilled and well supplied, and the annual expenditure has not been felt as a burden on the people. He has lately arranged for the acquirement of an immense central camping ground where an army corps may be put through its evolutions.

In the interior department Mr. Sifton has done wonders in inducing immigration. Last year there were more new settlers brought into Canada than in any year since Confederation, and as the business of the department has grown with wonderful strides, Mr. Sifton's great capacity for work has been shown to be marvellous.

Under Mr. Fisher, the department of agriculture has been revolutionized. He has established new departments of work, notally the exhibition branch which has done so much to advertise Canada abroad and the record of things accomplished by him in aid of the dairying interests, for bettering live stock, for the protection of fruit trees and for the improvement of all the varied departments of agriculture, would include more than what was done by all his predecessors under Tory rule.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine has been in the Dominion cabinet only for a short period, but he has shown a remarkable aptitude for work, ably sustaining the great administrative record he had before he entered the cabinet.

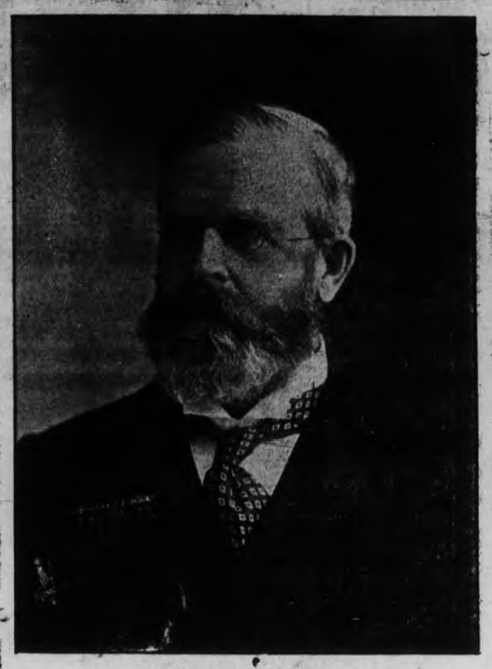
In the last of the great spending departments, Hon. James Sutherland is the minister, able, shrewd and industrious, but latterly he has been forced to refrain from active work on account of ill-health—a fact which Canadians deeply regret. In the meantime the department is being administered by Hon. C. Hyman, the young and active minister recently taken into the cabinet, who has taken hold of the work with a remarkable zeal and thoroughness.

Hon. Wm. Paterson is a well known statesman. His conduct of the affairs of the customs department has been wise and careful. He is a strong debater and industrious to a degree. In the campaign his greatest qualities shine out, for he has a knowledge of affairs possessed by few.

Of the rest of the cabinet, those who are in what may be called the quieter departments, little need be said. Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, cultured gentleman, able jurist, eloquent speaker, stands at the top of the legal profession. Mr. Scott brings to the councils of the country the experience of years of service. Sir Richard Cartwright has grown old in the world of public men. Hon. L. P. Brodeur comes to the inland revenue department with an admirable record as Speaker of the House. Mr. Templeman, without portfolio, is a ready and cautious adviser and an able representative of the great west.

Last, but not least, is Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, called to the cabinet this week. He brings with him a reputation for legal acumen and forensic ability that is almost unmatched. While without portfolio at present, it will not be long before Mr. Aylesworth will be called upon to fill some important office, when he is certain to win fresh laurels.

Though not in the cabinet, Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, as solicitor general, is the right man in the right place, as was shown in his brilliant argument before the judicial committee of the Privy Council in London last summer when the redistribution case was heard.



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MINERALOGIST BACK.

W. F. Robertson Has Completed the Field Work For the Present Season.

William Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist, has returned from an inspection of the Atlin mining camp, several weeks having been spent in that district. This will likely close the field work of the mineralogist for this season. The weather in the north has been charming, Mr. Robertson says, during the time he was in the camp. The conditions prevailing were very similar to what they are in Victoria at the present time, only that the nights were a little colder. The temperature at night would just reach the freezing point.

Mr. Robertson is delighted with the town of Atlin. Beautifully situated, the town, he says, is a charming place in which to live. He speaks in the highest terms of the club organized there during the season, and the splendid arrangements at the club house.

The past season has been on the whole a good one in the Atlin district. Apparently the cream of the ground has been gone over by individual miners, and in consequence the country lends itself very readily to being exploited by large corporations, which are able to put in expensive plants and work ground which is too low in grade to make proper returns to the individual miner.

There are immense areas which can be gone over by hydraulic companies with good prospects. The Atlin camp will, therefore, continue to be a good one for a very long time to come.

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This observation was made to a Times representative yesterday by P. Wollaston, jr., manager of Wilson Bros.' wholesale grocers, who has just returned from a combined business and pleasure trip to Dawson. He had no hesitation in describing the reports to the contrary as greatly exaggerated. He could find no reason why people should not be satisfied to live at the Klondike metropolis at the present, and knew of no law or conditions which could operate to their injury.

These are very important statements, and will be accepted. Mr. Wollaston is a business man of standing in this city, and speaks with perfect impartiality on the subject. During his stay in the Klondike centre he conversed with the solid men of the community, who are more qualified to express themselves on the condition of the place and its people than the irresponsibles, whose views are tainted by political bias and personal prejudice.

Continuing, Mr. Wollaston stated: "As far as I could find out the government are honestly trying to do their best for the welfare of the country. They know they have made mistakes; everybody makes them. The revocation of the charter was unquestionably in the public interest. It has been contended by some that the taxes should be reduced, but these have not been paid yet, and until they are due it will be impossible to say whether there will be a reduction or not. But apart from that, the taxes levied and not paid are insufficient to meet the indebtedness contracted by the municipality, and no reduction can be made."

The opinion of the better people of Dawson, he said, was that the revocation of the charter was the proper thing to do.

There has been, Mr. Wollaston says, a considerable exodus from Dawson to the Tanana, which reduced the population. All the prospectors had to take their provisions with them, and the Dawson merchants did a large business in consequence. The Tanana excitement has been followed by a tremendous clean up of machinery. The teamsters conveyed more from the creeks to Dawson than from the city to the creeks, its ultimate destination being Tanana.

Mr. Wollaston estimates the gold output of the Klondike for the season at between nine and a half and ten million dollars, and he expects the same figures next season. There will be less from the individual miners and more from the hydraulic companies. Some of them will embark on operations on a large scale.

Mr. Wollaston left Dawson on the Bonanza King, but at Hell Gate he and the other passengers were transferred to the Selkirk, and made the remainder of the journey on her. There was no ice in the river, navigation being impeded by the scarcity of water.

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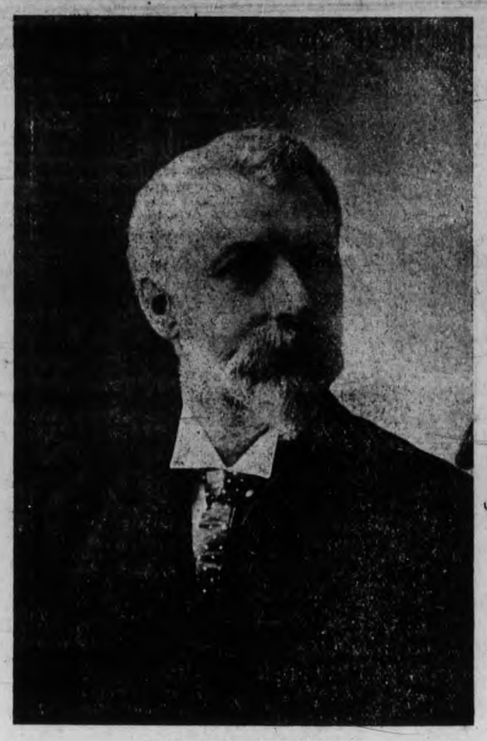


HON. W. S. FIELDING,
Minister of Finance.

THE SAANICHTON MEETING.

To the Editor:—The Colonist in its report of the meeting at Saanichton held on Tuesday evening last reports me as follows: "At Cowichan the other night he had been challenged to meet Capt. Wolley here and present the Liberal side of the question of 'Better Terms' for British Columbia."

This is untrue; it is a deliberate untruth; readers of the Colonist know it is untrue, for Mr. Wolley stated at Beloskine road that I had been challenged to come to Saanichton and "cram Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's words down his throat."

I do not write this letter for the purpose of replying to the garbled report printed in the Colonist this morning of what occurred at the Saanichton meeting, but to show the public how grossly unfair that paper and Mr. Wolley can be.

First as to the paper: In opening my remarks at Saanichton I said that the Colonist would misreport them and mistate the circumstance under which I was present, and that I had, therefore, written out a statement of my position, which I challenged the Colonist to print. The Colonist did not print it. The Times did.

Now as to the reason of my being present at the meeting at Saanichton and my treatment there.

At Cowichan I said that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper had made incorrect statements in his manifesto to the electors of British Columbia, and that I would say so in his presence and prove it. Mr. Wolly said in reply that I could have the opportunity of doing so at Saanichton on the 27th, and I replied that I would avail myself of it. After the meeting I met Mr. Wolley and said to him:

"That meeting at Saanichton is Smith's, isn't it?"

Mr. Wolley replied:

"No. Smith's meeting is on the 26th."

I then said:

"I was to go to Smith's meeting. Do you want me to come to yours?"

Mr. Wolley replied:

"I will write you a letter before the meeting, but if you come do not bring many people with you."

I replied that I would not.

This was on Wednesday the 19th inst. On Monday last I saw Mr. Smith and told him I had not had any letter from Mr. Wolley. He saw Mr. Wolley, who said he expected me to be present.

"You had better write the letter," said Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wolley did so, I receiving it on Tuesday morning. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper had arrived in Victoria on Monday night. I was about town all day Tuesday, and if Mr. Wolley had desired to come to an agreement with me as to time, he could readily have seen me.

When evening came I drove out to Saanichton accompanied only by my son-in-law and a Times reporter. I took no one else with me, because I had promised not to do so. Mr. Wolley took with him the tally-ho loaded with his friends, and more of his friends went out in private conveyances. I arrived at the hall a few minutes after the meeting was opened, and stood at the door in full view of Mr. Wolley and the others on the platform, holding a book in my hands. I was not asked to the platform, and I found a seat on the end of a bench near the door. When Mr. Wolley completed his remarks, I was called to the platform and told that I might speak twenty minutes and would not be allowed to reply.

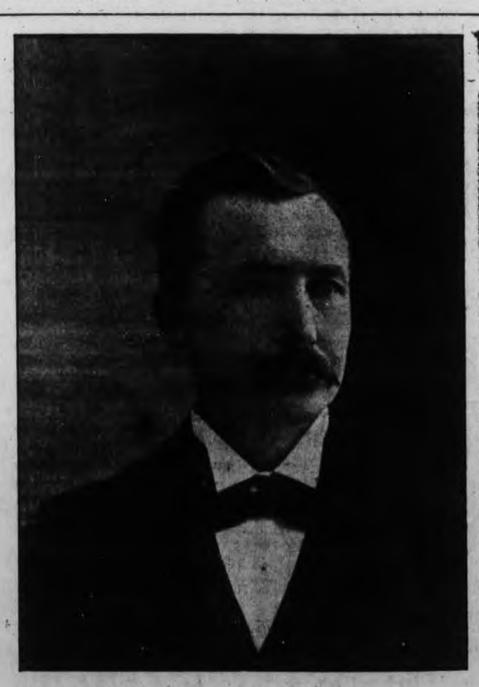
At the end of twenty minutes and in the middle of my argument the chairman told me my time was up, but I would be allowed ten minutes more. At the expiration of the ten minutes the chairman told me I must stop. I said I would let the audience decide. The audience enthusiastically decided that I should go on. I went on.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper replied in a long speech, largely consisting of a personal onslaught on me. I asked him to give me five minutes in which to reply. He refused. When he sat down Mr. Wolley also replied to me, and on my rising to answer a question, which he put to me, he called for cheers for the King and dismissed the meeting.

CHARLES H. LUGRIN.

October 27.

The London Academy of Music medal for pianoforte playing, counterpoint and harmony has been won by Max Darenski, eight years old. There were thirty-nine other competitors, the youngest of whom is 25 years old.



HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON.
Minister of Interior.

ARTILLERY DUEL IN PROGRESS.

Japanese Army Reported to Have Made a Slight Advance.

Mukden, Oct. 27.—The artillery firing on the Russian left, which began yesterday and lasted during the night, has spread south.

The weather has again cleared up and is much better for active operations. Suspicious movements of the Japanese have been observed west of the railroad. The Chinese say positively that the Japanese are preparing to turn the Russian right or break through the easy points of the line.

News has just been received here that the Japanese assumed the offensive on the east front and made a slight advance.

There was a reconnaissance in force last night by the Russian western flank and desultory firing continued till 2 o'clock a.m. The Japanese were discovered to be hurriedly fortifying along the whole line, but this does not, of course, preclude the possibility of an attack by them. It is the general opinion here that serious events will not develop for some days.

This morning occasional shots were heard on the western front. The whole army is delighted with the appointment of General Kouropatkin as commander-in-chief. The one idea among the men is to advance. There is every indication that when the next fight comes it will be of a desperate character.

Confident of Success.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Two Imperial rescripts are published in the Official Messenger this morning. The first of them is covered by Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day, announcing the appointment of General Kouropatkin to the chief command of the Russian forces in the east.

The second is addressed to General Kouropatkin as commander-in-chief of all the military and naval forces at the scene of war. It concludes with these words:

"Your military experience, strengthened by your action in Manchuria, makes me feel confident that you will break the obstinacy of the enemy's forces at the head of your glorious army, and will thereby assure to Russia peace in the Far East."

"I venture the statement that in my opinion—and I believe my opinion will be confirmed by any person who has experience in railway business—that if the I.C.R. as it is to-day, and as it has existed for many years past, were operated by private individuals, or by a company organized for that purpose, it would show a handsome profit, and that could be made without adding one dollar to the charges, either for freight traffic or passenger service."—Senator Wood.

A Winnipeg dispatch says: "To date more cars have been loaded with wheat than at the same time in 1903, although 269,000 bushels less have been marketed. To date 6,319 cars have been loaded, being 8,732,000 bushels; in 1902 5,857 cars, 8,991,000 bushels were loaded."

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"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MAY HAULE, Edgerton, Wis., Pres. Household Economics Club.

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Kootenay- W. A. GALLIHER
New Westminster--J. B. KENNEDY.

AN INTERESTING TELEGRAM.

The leader of the Conservative party is distributing telegrams in British Columbia with great prodigality. If Colonel Prior or Sir Hibbert Tupper requires a pledge all he has to do is telegraph to Mr. Borden for it, and along it comes. But while there are no limits to Mr. Borden's promissory complaisance, there appear to be circumstances under which he considers it necessary to be cautious. For instance, Colonel Prior wired for a guarantee that in the event of the Conservative party being successful at the polls construction of the transcontinental railway line would not be delayed. The answer the Conservative candidate receives to that plea for help is an extraordinary one. And the most extraordinary thing about it is that the Colonist sets it out in double column and in big, black type. Here is Mr. Borden's assurance that the work of construction will not be delayed:

"Your opponent's claim absolutely unwarranted. Surveys will be commenced in British Columbia as soon as Parliament grants necessary appropriation, and construction from coast will be carried on without delay."

What is the meaning that is written so plainly on the face of this telegram that one would think even Colonel Prior would comprehend the purport of it? If the Conservative party were to be successful on Thursday next, Mr. Borden would be called upon to form a government. That task could not be accomplished in a day with two leaders in British Columbia looking for portfolios and all the other provinces of the Dominion having about the same proportion of aspirants. Then Parliament might be called together in February. With the meeting of Parliament the real difficulties of the situation would present themselves. Appropriations necessary to the gigantic undertaking of government construction of a transcontinetal railway could not be pushed through Parliament without a prolonged debate. It is doubtful whether they could be carried through at all. Mr. E. B. Osler, who would insist upon his rights as a leading member of the party, could not be left out of the government. Mr. Osler is a director of the C.P.R., which is supplying the bulk of the money that is being spent so lavishly by the Conservative party in this campaign. Mr. Borden, in another of his famous telegrams (in order to quiet the apprehensions of those of his followers who know the nature of the conspiracy that has been hatched), has warned all contributors to the funds of the party that they need not expect special consideration for their interests as the price of their generosity. Nevertheless Mr. Osler will see to it that nothing to which his company is opposed shall be carried out without due consideration and deliberation.

Then there is the gauntlet of the Senate for the appropriations to run. The majority of Liberals, we are confident, would not offer any factious opposition, if it were clearly the will of the people that the alleged policy of the suppositious government should prevail. But there are a majority of Liberals and Conservatives in the Upper Chamber who are opposed in principle to the government construction and operation of railways. The leader of the Conservative party in the Senate, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, has within the past few weeks so expressed himslf. He can quote every leader who has been at the head of his party since Confederation in support of his position. Therefore there can be little doubt that Mr. Borden and his fellow-conspirators hope the Senate will shelve the question of the construction of the new line for an indefinite period.

The leader of the party does not himself believe in the government construction and operation of railways. He was driven into his present position because the bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific was so good a one for the country that, after plunging for two years into various makeshifts, he could find no substitute that would compare with it. The electorate of the country understand now that, like a celebrated general in another sphere, he has carefully prepared a way of retreat. But, unlike that other general, he will never have occasion to travel over that way. Mr. Borden will be defeated—and there will be no delay in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Panic will be averted. The next ten years will not mark a period of uncertainty and depression. They will be the most prosperous in the history of the country.

A POINTER.

Sir Hibbert Tupper admits that the candidate of the Conservative party cannot win in Vancouver. The solid business element of the city is concentrating all its strength in support of Mr. Macpherson. Ex-Mayor Neelands, a Conservative, has taken the platform in advocacy of the cause of the Liberal party because he "believes in the policy of the Liberal party as a whole and in their railway policy in particular." Realizing the position of affairs in his own place, Sir Hibbert is devoting his time and his talents to the task of convincing the people of Victoria and of Nanaimo that they should vote for Colonel Prior and Captain Wolley. Will he succeed? Do the business men of this city believe that it would be in their interests to send to Ottawa an opponent of the present administration? There is no doubt whatever in the mind of any competent student of public affairs. Liberal or Conservative, that the Laurier government is going to win. The state of affairs in the East, where the organizers of the party, in their anxiety to save appearances by placing candidates in every constituency, have put disqualified office-holders in nomination, reveals the weakness of the Tories. There are at least a score of divisions where the opposition is merely nominal, and in which the Liberals will have a walk-over.

The electors of Victoria should not permit themselves to be misled.

EXPOSURE NOT ABUSE.

Sir Hibbert Tupper and Colonel Prior have taken the stump and expressed their horror and detestation of the doings of the Liberal government. They claim to have been shocked as they stood in contemplation of the record of the party led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The misdeeds of Sifton in the Yukon compelled them to apply their chaste fingers to their sensitive noses. We have torn from these hypocrites the robes of hypocrisy in which they arrayed themselves when they appealed to the electorate of Victoria to restore the Conservative party to power and re-establish pure government.

We have shown that Sir Hibbert Tupper took thousands of dollars from the treasury of the Dominion in indemnities and mileage to which he had no moral claim. Sir Hibbert did not deny the charge. He simply asserted that he was within his legal rights in claiming members' allowances. That is as it may be. But there is a declaration members of Parliament are required to take when they apply for their indemnities. The late member for Pictou did not take this declaration.

In the case of Colonel Prior we have simply laid bare his career as a public man for the purpose of demonstrating his unfitness to sit in judgment upon his opponents. The Colonel has repeatedly boasted of the thickness of skin he has acquired during the course of his chequered career as a politician. He prides himself upon his indifference to public opinion. It was not necessary for him to open his mouth upon that point. No man of tender susceptibilities would have the hardihood to appear upon a public platform as an advocate of political purity if the deeds charged up to his account were as shameless as those of Colonel Prior. It was not necessary for us to prove that Colonel Prior was unseated, and might have been disqualified, as a member of the Dominion House, for personal corruption. It is not so long since he gave his solemn assurance that the Canadian Northern contract was signed, that it was on condition of its being signed that he entered the Dunsmuir government, and that if it developed that there was no binding contract he would immediately resign his portfolio and his seat. His excuse for his shocking lack of appreciation of what the conduct of a man of honor should be is that he preferred the welfare of his party to the fulfilment of his pledged word. And the one representative of his revered party he kicked out of his government shortly after it was formed! His excuses but aggravate his misconduct.

The Colonel's explanation of the Chimney Creek bridge affair demonstrates more clearly how utterly unfit he is to fill any public position of trust. He simply has no conception of the general atmosphere of decorum in which a representative of the people should walk. He claims that his offence was merely a technical one; that no one who knows him would ever connect his name dishonorably with such a petty transaction as the tenders for the Chimney Creek bridge cable. In fact, the Colonel appears to be rather proud than otherwise of his connection with that affair. He apparently thinks that the frankness with which he confessed an offence that was proved against him effectively removed any stain that might have been cast upon his character.

And because we have reminded the electors of Victoria of these extraordinary moral lapses on the part of Tupper and Prior; because we have contended that dissertations on the depravity of members of a government against whom no charges have ever been substantiated come with bad grace from such notorious and proved offenders; because we have assumed that what Colonel Prior has done more than once he will repeat, and that he will if elected glory in his ability to "pull the leg" of the people of Victoria whenever he wills—because of our exposure of the record of this reckless and unreliable couple, we are accused of carrying on a campaign of abuse.

We have stated nothing but facts in this campaign. The facts are established. It is our duty to remind the electorate of them, and if possible to convince our citizens that the men who are appealing to them are not worthy of their support.

THE COLONEL'S "INDISCRETION."

Col. Prior is still impenitent. All he will admit is that he was "indiscreet" in the Chimney Creek matter; he maintains that he was not dishonest. As acting Commissioner of Lands and Works he took advantage of official knowledge to secure a contract for the firm of E. G. Prior & Co., by having his firm put in the lowest tender after he knew the amount at which other firms tendered. In doing that he was more than "indiscreet"; he was dishonest. The shameless disregard of public opinion shown by Col. Prior in asking high-minded and honorable Conservative gentlemen to vote for him, and by so doing condone his offence, is a truly pitiable spectacle. He was dismissed from office for that act by the Lieut.-Governor. He is the only man who was ever dismissed from a premiership in Canada for an offence so contemptible and debasing. Can he, having made no atonement or expressed no regret—we will not say be re-elected to a position of trust, for that we know is impossible—but can he expect to receive the vote of any elector who does not approve of his conduct in that nefarious transaction?

Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley will soon be qualified to rank alongside of any Tupper. At his meeting at Metchosin last night he told his audience that the Liberals had always opposed fish traps. Hon. R. F. Green was sitting on the platform, and no doubt applauded this—well, bold—"statement." In New Westminster constituency the strength of the Tory candidate lies entirely in the opposition of the Conservative McBride government to fish traps. It will be remembered that the Hon. Richard himself, in many characteristic speeches, and with much desk-slamming, declared that he would oppose fish traps as long as he was in public life and while breath remained within his expansive chest. We must do Captain Wolley the justice to state that perhaps he does not know these things. He knows as much about the public affairs of Canada as he does about farming.

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Now that Colonel Prior has the telegraphic habit, why does he not secure an assurance from his leader that in the event of the defeat of the Laurier government he will clap a duty on lumber?

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The poll will close at 5 p.m. on election day. In the provincial election it closed at 7 p.m. Electors are therefore reminded that they cannot vote after 5 p.m. on Thursday next.

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The Socialists will surely confiscate Pier Island and convert those eight apple trees into community property if Captain Wolley does not watch out.

TRULY AN "UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY."

To the Editor:—Being in general averse to newspaper controversies, it is with reluctance that I reply to the scurrilous and uncalled for attack on Mr. Sampson (leader of the Fifth Regiment band orchestra) by an individual who signs himself "Empire First." Shame on the man who is too cowardly to come out openly and honestly, but must needs hide his mean attacks behind a hypocritical patriotism. I leave it to Bandmaster Finn to refute the statement that Mr. Sampson was not taken on the band's tour because he was not good enough. The pity of such attacks is the littleness displayed and the attempts made to engender racial and sectional feelings. Such expressions have done Victoria untold harm in the past and will continue to do so as long as newspaper columns are open to these silly nillies. England's greatness is due to her liberal world-wide policy—justice and liberty for all, and a welcome to honest people from any part of the globe, Americans included. In such small matters as the subject of this unfortunate controversy, true patriotism begins in Victoria. Patronize the people who live here and pay taxes here, and don't buy your clothes in Toronto or England and borrow your music from the Royal Navy.

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—A signalling class of the Fifth Regiment will meet on Tuesday evening. An instructor from the R.G.A. will be appointed for the class by Col. English.

—Firing for the Prior Cup takes place at Macaulay Point at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The competition is between garrison companies 3, 4, 5 and 6.

—A dispatch from Halifax says: "A party of about one hundred artillery and engineers arrived from England by the steamer Buenos Ayrean this morning, and leave by the C. P. R. to-morrow for Victoria."

—Percy Cove and Jockey Bennett, the clever bantamweight boxers, are training assiduously for the 20-round contest to take place next Friday evening at the Philharmonic hall. It is understood that several first-class preliminaries are being arranged by the management.

—The funeral of the late Miss Eva Ferguson took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, Douglas street. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Westman. There were many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: W. H. Grimm, H. Driver, R. Owens, E. A. Harris, L. Pinson and W. M. Johnson.

—The Grand theatre, Johnson street, continues to draw packed houses with a good bill. The feature of this week's programme is 4-year-old Baby June, whose singing, dancing and contortion work is hard to equal with older players. To-morrow afternoon Manager Jamieson announces a Baby June matinee, at the conclusion of which Baby June will hold a reception on the stage.

—The Aberdeen Association acknowledges with thanks donations of magazines from Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Loat, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. Van Tassel, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mrs. P. A. E. Irving, Miss Lawson, Mrs. McTavish and the Badminton Club. Children's books and magazines are much needed by the readers of the Aberdeen Association, and would be very acceptable for making up Christmas parcels. Books may be sent to the Aberdeen Association room, market building.

—An exhibition hockey match will be played to-morrow between the Victoria intermediate and High school teams. It will take place on the Oak Bay grounds, and will commence at 2.30 o'clock sharp continuing up to 3.30 o'clock, when the seniors will hold a practice game. The intermediate team will be as follows: R Machin, B. Hewartson, J. Gibson, G. Carne, G. Bowes, F. Nason, H. Brown, F. Woods, S. Winsby, G. C. Clarihue, W. Berriaga and G. Dolby. Appended are those selected to represent the High school: C. Rogers, H. Cobbett, N. Scott, H. Taylor, R. White, P. Gill, N. Tate, R. Robertson, R. McInnes, W. Finda, H. Bamford and C. Prevost.

—Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Mrs. Jessie Stephen were laid at rest. The funeral took place from the family residence, 152 Michigan street, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Clay, assisted by Rev. H. A. Carson, conducted impressive services. Members of the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church also gathered at the house, and sang a number of appropirate selections, one of which was "Nearer My God to Thee." Mrs. Currie rendered a solo, "Lead Kindly Light." There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: R. B. McMicking, J. H. Greer, W. A. Allan, H. Bishop, J. Thompson and J. H. Alexander.

—To-morrow afternoon an Association football league match will be played between the Victoria United and H.M.S. Grafton teams. The game will take place on the Oak Bay grounds, commencing at 3 o'clock. F. Richardson has consented to act as referee. All players are requested to catch the 2.30 car, leaving the corner of Fort and Government streets. The personnel of the competing teams will be as follows: Victoria United—Goal, J. Finlaison; full-backs, N. Gowen and A. Goward; half-backs, J. A. Rithet, S. Lorimer and A. Rutherford; forwards, T. B. Tye, C. E. Berkeley, A. Johnson, C. S. Thomson and J. Lawson. Grafton—Goal, Hickinbotham; full-backs, Shales and Sand; half-backs, Brown, Snudden and Coupin; forwards, Robertson, Pike, Neill, Rawstrom and Buirne.

—Owing to the competition at Fort Macaulay on Saturday afternoon for the Gregory Cup there will be no rifle practice at Clover Point.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the horticultural board has been postponed until November. The board was to have met in Victoria on Wednesday. The absence of R. M. Palmer and T. Cunningham on official business made it necessary to postpone it.

—W. W. B. McInnes and other prominent Liberals will let daylight in on the issues of the campaign at the big meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening. Mr. McInnes is one of the best platform speakers in Canada, and those attending the meeting to-night will enjoy a treat.

—The Times has been requested by Lieut.-Colonel Hall to state that the officers of the Fifth Regiment took no part in the movement which resulted in the cancelling of the arrangement with the naval orchestra for the music at last night's ball. It will be recalled that an article in the morning paper a few days ago stated that the officers had interested themselves in the matter.

—The marriage of Mr. P. Luscombe, driver for the D. & C. bakery, and Miss Sarah McGillivray, of this city, took place last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Campbell and took place at the residence of the bride's mother, 45½ View street. Miss Kate McGillivray, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The groom was attended by Mr. Harry Keown. They will take up their residence at No. 6 Bridge street.

—The Conservative meeting at Metchosin last night was a frigid affair. There were only nine Metchosin electors present, but this number was swelled by a conveyance load of Tories from the city. As an indication of the impression Capt. Wolley has made on the electorate it might be mentioned that the resolution of confidence in the candidate was moved by H. D. Helmcken, one of the gentlemen who enjoyed a pleasant ride from the city.

—This evening pupils of the Central school will be presented with the Swinerton cup, which was won in the athletic competitions against other local schools at the recent exhibition. Advantage will be taken of the occasion to give those who were successful in the swimming examinations this summer, under Instructor St. Clair, the medals to which they were entitled. The presentations will take place at the city hall, and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has kindly consented to be present. Parents and friends are invited.

—Those who attended the performance of the Geo. Ade comedy, "The County Chairman," at the Victoria theatre last evening, thoroughly enjoyed it. The piece is a delightful one, full of those qualities which make up a successful production. Theodore Roberts was splendid in the part of the county chairman. R. J. Dillon gave an excellent characterization in the role of Judge Elias Rigley. The other parts were well sustained. On the whole the performance was one of the most satisfying seen here for a long time.

—Yesterday afternoon the weekly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mrs. McNaughton occupied the chair. An interesting report was submitted on the work of the Johnson street Willard mission. H. J. Knott, of the B. C. Permanent Loan Agency, was present and spoke of the advantages his company offered for investment purposes. It was decided after some discussion to invest $1,000 as a neuclus toward building a new hall. An arrangement was made for regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

HAPPILY MARRIED.

Nuptials of Mr. Herbert Bruce and Miss Margaret Roe.

In Calvary Baptist church last Wednesday evening Mr. Herbert Bruce and Miss Margaret H. Roe were united in wedlock, Rev. J. F. Vichert officiating. The edifice, which was well filled, was tastefully decorated by Miss Mary Hutcheson and Mr. Walter Ford. The bridal party stood under a wedding bell of chrysanthemums while the nutial knot was being tied. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Robert Roe. She was prettily dressed in white voile over silk, with a veil trimmed with pearls and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and bridal roses. The bride's travelling dress consisted of green tweed trimmed with green and white, with white beaver hat to match. The bridesmaid, Miss Jeannie Gribbon, looked charming in a dress of white voile over silk, and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Rev. Mr. Carson supported the bridegroom. The latter's gift to the bride was a handsome fur and to the bridesmaid a gold cross and chain. Miss Flora Allen was a pretty flower girl.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was enjoyed by a large number of guests at the residence of the bride's parents on David street. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce will spend their honeymoon in the Sound cities, and upon their return they will reside in Victoria West.

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TRIP POSTPONED.

Flagship Has Received New Orders, and Will Not Sail on Tuesday.

It is stated in Esquimalt to-day that the flagship Grafton has received orders postponing indefinitely her trip to Honolulu, on which she was to sail on Tuesday next.

The ship has been making ready for the voyage for a considerable time, and only this morning took on board over 500 tons of coal in preparation for the run. She was to proceed to Magadalena bay and make a call at various California ports after visiting the Hawaiian capital.

The new orders have doubtless something to do with the Anglo-Russian situation, and would seem to indicate Great Britain's desire to hold the ship at headquarters until the difference between the two nations has been settled. There is just a possibility, in event of the present crisis culminating in war, that one or more of the fleet stationed here would be sent to the China coast following up the policy adopted at the time of the boxer troubles.

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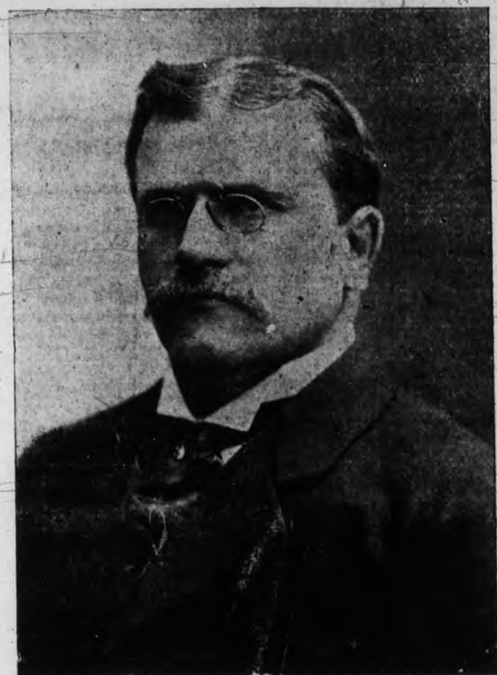
SOCIALIST MEETING LAST EVENING

CONSERVATIVES DO NOT EXPECT TO WIN

Col. Prior Told W. Marcon That Business Men Are Not Supporting Party as Formerly.

The A. O. U. W. hall presented almost a festive appearance last evening. Big mottoes decorated the walls on every side. They read, "Reason and Brains v. Free Beer and Cigars," "Scotland Nominates 60 Labor Candidates, 40 of Whom Are Socialists," "Ballots, Not Bullets," "Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Socialist Votes in Germany."

There were many others, so that it was quite evident to the individual who strayed into the hall that it was a Socialist gathering.



HON. L. P. BRODEUR,
Minister of Inland Revenue.

The Socialistic side of the campaign was strongly presented. Some things were also stated which doubtless fell heavily on the minds of faithful Conservatives in the audience. Col. Prior, it was said, had related that many of the business men were not putting their hands in their pockets as they had formerly done. This, the colonel had said, was because they did not expect to win out in this election. Socialists had been approached in Vancouver, it was further stated, by the Conservatives and asked what they would take to remain out of this election, in view of the stand the party was taking on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

A dozen or more representatives were on the platform, with J. C. Watters in the fore rank. Moses McGregor occupied the chair, and expressed pleasure at the large turnout. In referring to the popularity of Socialism, he spoke of the success with which it was meeting on the American side. He denied that there had been a single utterance in the speeches of the Liberal and Conservative candidates in the interests of the workingman. He then read the Socialists' platform.

W. Marcon followed. He told how both opposing candidates had been invited to attend the meeting, but declined. Colonel Prior had replied by letter. The speaker had afterwards met the colonel and the latter made the confession alluded to. The speaker compared the Socialist candidate with the others, and expressed himself in admiration of Debs, the man who aspired to be President of the United States, who studied Socialism in jail, and who was attempting to pay back to the workingmen the debt which he owed to them. In conclusion, he spoke of the effect which the election of the Socialists in British Columbia would have on the government at Ottawa.

J. C. Watters was given 30 minutes in which to address the meeting. He said that it would have required all the famous Chimney Creek cable, attached to the dredge, to have brought either of his opponents to the meeting. He was pleased with so large an attendance of ladies, and declared that they were beginning to wake up, that in future they would not hear of their husbands or sons being politically bought by a glass of beer. He noticed it made no difference to the laboring man how low or high the protection tariff was. If on the American side wages were high the laboring market in Canada became poor. Then an immigration policy of protection was needed for the manufacturers, who would otherwise suffer. The labor bureau put nothing in the pockets of labor; it only gave Liberals a job, and as for prosperity in the country, that was only measured by the success of capitalistic forces. Reverting again to the immigration law, he said it only permitted able bodied men entering the country. Others the manufacturers did not want. Those present, himself included, were looking for work part of the time, and knew what the so-called prosperity meant. Vancouver might be prosperous, but her laborers were none the better off. The Socialists sought collective ownership. The post office was not an example of this, as has been said. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific would not be worth a pinch of snuff to the workingmen of the province. The opening up of all the resources of the country was not going to benefit the condition of the laborers. It would mean to them absolutely nothing, as development so far had done nothing to elevate the workingmen's condition.

With reference to his statement that he had been refused work at the Victoria Machinery Depot because he was a Socialist, which had been denied, he said that there were four men in the hall who could substantiate his statement. He closed with an appeal for the support in a good cause.

E. T. Kingsley was the last speaker of the evening, and he made one of his characteristic addresses on the ethics of Socialism, comparing the situation between capital and labor to a huge machine, operated by one man, for the making of bread. The operator received four loaves for every five produced. On this supposition he based all his deductions. His remarks were couched in strong language, and from time to time he created a good deal of amusement.

Before calling on him to speak the chairman announced that a collection would be taken up to defray the expenses of the hall. The Socialists, he said, had to borrow the necessary deposit for their candidate, and they owed to poor men $100.

As the meeting disbanded literature was circulated at the door. Meetings will be held this evening at Boleskine road; on Saturday evening at Saanichton, and Tuesday evening at Lampson street.

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SPORTING ITEMS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER MATCH.

A league match will be played to-morrow afternoon between the High school and Capital teams at Beacon Hill. The kick-off takes place at 3 o'clock promptly and all players must be in attendance before that hour.

The High school team follows: Goal, Mason; full backs, Shanks and Prevost; half backs, Eberts, Scott and Carne; forwards, Sedger, Gowen, Erb, Taylor and McInnes. Reserves, Selman, Edwards and McKenzie.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

There was a good attendance at a meeting of the District Association Football League held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Rev. W. W. Bolton occupied the chair and a number of important matters came up for consideration. Arrangements were made for the junior and senior matches to be played to-morrow, while other questions received attention. The protest from the Garrison team was left in abeyance, together with several other matters, until the general meeting of the association on Tuesday evening. This takes place at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

A JUNIOR GAME.

On Beacon Hill grounds, commencing at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, a junior game will be played between the North Ward and St. Louis College teams. J. G. Brown will act as referee.

The respective teams follow:

St. Louis—Goal, A. Baines; full backs, F. Brown and J. Robbins; half backs, T. O'Rorke, J. McArthur and R. Smith; forwards, F. Sweeney (centre), W. McArthur, P. O'Rourke, J. Locke and R. Hickey; substitutes, McDonald, Silver, Keappock and Ecker.

North Ward—Goal, C. McIntosh; full backs, Cox (captain) and Dakers; half backs, T. Johnston, Seabrook and T. Menzies; forwards, C. Coughlan (centre), B. Hall, A. Penketh, C. McCarter and A. McGregor; substitutes, C. Bishop and N. Bishop.

THE MAINLAND LEAGUE.

Outlining the progress of the Mainland league, a Vancouver correspondent says:

"There were three matches in the Mainland league series last Saturday. One of the most important was the Shamrocks, of Vancouver, vs. Island Casuals on Powell street grounds, which resulted in a win for the former by a score of 4 to 0. The score is not altogether an indication of the character of the game, as the Island boys kept the Shamrocks working hard all the time, playing fast and hard, their only fault being that they are lamentably weak in front of the goal.

"A match between the Rovers and Columbia College, both of New Westminster, resulted, after a hard game, in a win for the former team by a score of 1 to nil. During the contest Davidson, of the College team, had a rib broken, but pluckily continued to play the game through by changing positions with the goalkeeper. It was owing to this fact that the Rovers got their only goal, as Davidson was unable to bend down fast enough to stop a comparatively easy shot.

"The Celtics, of Vancouver, defeated the Chilliwack team, at Chilliwack, by 2 goals to nil. This was stubbornly contested all through. If Chilliwack had won it would have given them a lead which would have been almost impossible to overtake. The Celtics' victory should make a close contest between the Shamrocks and the Celtics, of Vancouver, and Chilliwack, Chilliwack now leading by one point."

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE SENIOR SCHEDULE.

For some time past the Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo teams have been in communication with each other regarding arrangements for the season 1904-5. All three have signified their intention of entering senior teams, while the Victoria and Vancouver clubs intend placing intermediate and junior teams in the forthcoming struggle for the B. C. championships.

These contests should prove interesting. In the senior series both Victoria and Nanaimo may be depended upon to do everything possible to secure the trophy now held by Vancouver. The local intermediates are also determined to turn the tables on the Terminal City boys, while the juniors have set out with the intention of holding the honors they won last year.

Up to the present only the senior series has been agreed upon. It is as follows:

Nov. 5th—Victoria vs. Nanaimo Hornets, in Nanaimo.

Nov. 11th—Vancouver vs. Nanaimo, in Nanaimo.

Nov. 26th—Victoria vs. Vancouver, in Victoria.

Dec. 10th—Victoria vs. Nanaimo, in Victoria.

Dec. 31st—Victoria vs. Vancouver, in Vancouver.

The officials of the Vancouver club suggest that an intermediate match be played between Victoria and Vancouver on the latter grounds on the 3rd of December. They are favorable to a return match here on the 17th of the same month. Whether these proposals will be accepted is doubtful; in fact, no definite announcement can yet be made in regard to either the intermediate or junior schedule.

There seems to be a prevailing opinion that the Victoria senior team will stand no chance of victory in the forthcoming championship competition. This is an absolutely erroneous impression. The boys are training faithfully each Saturday, there being a sufficient number of players on the grounds to form two full teams. It is true that in some places the fifteen will be comparatively light, but each man will be in condition and able to perform his part with credit. J. Cornwall, F. A. Macrae and others are organizing a team that is confidently expected to give the Vancouver champions more than they can handle. As for the intermediates they were never stronger, while the juniors are entering with their usual enthusiasm, and if ability, confidence and pluck count for anything they will again carry off the palm.

MATCH TO-MORROW.

At the Canteen grounds to-morrow a match will be played between the Victoria and Navy teams. This is a friendly game, but it is expected to be well contested. Both the local and naval fifteens will be the strongest that can be gathered together. The contest will commence at 3 o'clock and all players are requested to be on the grounds shortly before that time. The line-up of the respective teams follows:

Navy—Full back, Lieut. Talbot; three-quarters, Lieut. Pound, Mr. Charnley, Easterbrook and Hardiney; half backs, Horgan and Crawford; forwards, Chape, Gilsen, Weston, Head, Ankers, Gilbert, Smith and Davidson.

Victoria—Full back, A. Newcombe; three-quarters, S. Patton, L. Bell, A. Sargison and D. Menzies; half backs, W. Newcombe and L. Foot; forwards, F. A. Macrae (captain), J. E. Cornwall, Barnacle, P. Austin, Benson, R. Janion, W. Heath and A. McLean.

HANDBALL.

GAMES TO-NIGHT.

Some interesting games are announced for this evening at the James Bay Athletic Association gymnasium. F. Smith and J. Sutherland, scratch, meet R. Peden and K. Hughes, rec. 3. This match commences at 7.30 o'clock. Half an hour later D. Jones and W. Jesse, owe 3, will play B. Pettingell and F. C. Davie, scratch. As the losers will be out of the tournament, the matches are expected to be more than usually fast and exciting.

CHESS.

OPENING OF SERIES.

A series of chess matches will be inaugurated by T. W. Piper in connection with the James Bay Athletic Association. All players are asked to meet at the club rooms at 8 o'clock this evening.

ATHLETICS.

Y. M. C. A. CLASSES.

Classes in tumbling have been formed by W. Oliver and C. Hill among members of the Y. M. C. A.

Private advices received in St. Paul from New York indicate that the settlement of the Northern Securities Company trouble is near at hand. The most important feature is that the Great Northern and Northern Pacific will be separated without reference of the one to the other. The plan of settlement is that the Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul are to be aligned and the Northern Pacific, Burlington and the Union Pacific are to be grouped together.

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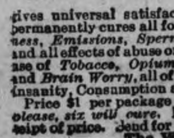

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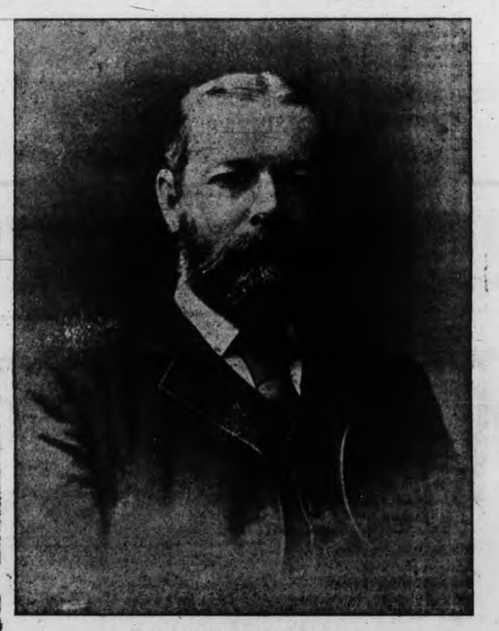
DISPATCHES FROM RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

(Continued from page 2.)

ther, they point out that the second Pacific squadron was thirty miles out of its proper course, with the result that the vessels steamed into the midst of the trawlers, and this is the only foundation, doubtedly with Admiral Rojestvensky. Should Russia choose to stand upon this version without further enquiry, there is no question but that such a course would be a popular one. It is most unlikely, however, that the government will adopt such a course.

Reports that Great Britain has demanded the punishment of the authors of the trawler incident are untrue. Great Britain has not made any specific demands except for an enquiry.



HON. SYDNEY FISHER,
Minister of Agriculture.

they assert, for the allegation that the transport Anatol was surrounded by unknown vessels.

Official Dispatches.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—3.10 a. m.—The mystery of the trawlers' affair, instead of being cleared up by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report to-day, appears to be worse than ever. The Russian admiral's explanation is hailed with the greatest satisfaction at the admiralty and elsewhere, but it is felt that a direct issue has now been raised between Russia and Great Britain and the incident has entered upon an even more delicate stage.

Public sympathy and confidence is un-

The naval general staff publishes the following two dispatches from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky:

First dispatch—"The North Sea incident was caused by two torpedo boats advancing to attack without lights under darkness against the vessel leading the detachment. When the detachment turned on its searchlights and opened fire, the presence of several small steamboats, resembling fishing boats, were discovered. The detachment endeavored to spare these, and ceased firing as soon as the torpedo boats were out of sight. The English press is indignant because a torpedo boat left by the detachment on the spot until morning did not aid the victims. Now, there was not a single tor-

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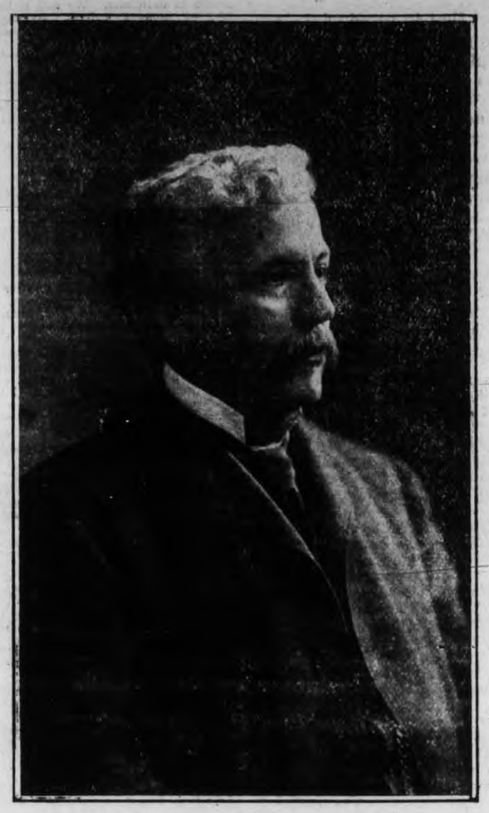


HON. WM. TEMPLEMAN.
Minister Without Portfolio.

pedo boat near the detachment and none was left behind, consequently the vessel remaining near the small boats was that torpedo boat which was not sunk, but only damaged. The detachment did not aid the little steamboats because we suspected them of complicity on account of their obstinately cutting into the order of the positions of our vessels. Several of them showed no lights, and others only very late."

Second dispatch—"Having met several hundred fishing boats, the squadron showed them every consideration, except when they were in company with foreign torpedo boats, one of which disappeared, while the other, according to the fishers' evidence, remained among them until morning. They supposed it was a Russian and were indignant because it did not aid the victims, but it was a foreigner that remained until morning, seeking the other torpedo boat as consorts, either to repair damage or through fear of betraying itself to those who were not its accomplices. If there were also on the spot fishermen imprudently dragged into the enterprise, I beg, in the name of the whole squadron, to express my sincere regret to the unfortunate victims of circumstances under which no warship, even in the time of peace, would have done otherwise."

Funeral of Victims.

Hull, England, Oct. 27.—The funeral to-day of two of the victims of the North Sea tragedy was made the occasion of a great public demonstration. The civic officials attended the ceremonies and hundreds of wreaths, including one from King Edward, were placed on and about the coffins. Business was suspended and flags half-masted on the ships in the harbor.

Attitude of France.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—5 p. m.—The attention of diplomatic Germany is concentrated upon what the French government intends to do or perhaps already has done in the British-Russian affair. France seeks to prevent Great Britain from pushing her claims to a point where Russia will be humiliated, and is urging Russia to make ample satisfaction immediately.

Fired on Steamer.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 27.—The skipper of the Swedish steamer Aldebaran, from Hull, England, which arrived to-day at Gefle, Sweden, says his vessel was chased in the Skagerack during the evening of Friday, October 21st, by a foreign cruiser, apparently Russian, which threw its searchlights on her. The cruiser increasing her speed, passed the Aldebaran and fired a shot which had no effect. The Aldebaran thereupon hoisted her flag, and the cruiser again threw her searchlight on the steamer, and a few minutes later hailed shot around the Aldebaran without, however, hitting her. The Aldebaran's skipper then ordered the steamer to be stopped, and with his crew sought refuge below. The foreign warship thereupon disappeared in the darkness.

A Danish Story.

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the Danish ministry of marine was informed that several ships chartered by Japan were at Hull and intended to attack the Russian second Pacific squadron in the North Sea. The Russians were informed of this. The marine authorities here credit the report. The Danish ministry was officially informed that thirteen vessels had been chartered by the Japanese to attack the Russian second Pacific squadron in the North Sea.

A Danish cruiser and a torpedo boat watched the vessels so closely that their approach to the Russian squadron was impossible.

While thus engaged the Danish torpedo boat Havyesten had a narrow escape. The commander of a Russian battleship mistook the Danish boat for an enemy and fired a blank shot. The quickness of the torpedo boat in displaying its flag saved her. This happened at night time. When the captain of the torpedo boat boarded the battleship he found large quantities of ammunition piled ready for use. The incident was reported to the Danish minister at the time. Danish ships acted as police for the Russians until the latter reached the North Sea.

Minister's Denial.

London, Oct. 27.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, was asked to-night by the Associated Press for his side of the statement from Copenhagen that the Danish ministry of marine was informed recently that several ships were chartered at Hull by the Japanese government to attack the second Pacific squadron, and that thirteen Swedish vessels had also been chartered by Japan for the same purpose.

The Japanese minister said that no ship has been chartered by his government from Hull or elsewhere to destroy the squadron. The chartering and arming of thirteen ships, he said, would be impossible in these waters. It would have been necessary to man them with Japanese and there are not enough Japanese here. At Hull, the minister added, there are two Japanese studying the curing of fish. The minister said the whole story must have been concocted in order to throw dust in the eyes of the Danish minister of marine and of the world.

ENJOYABLE TIME SPENT AT THE BALL

CHARMING FUNCTION AT ASSEMBLY HALL

Committee in Charge of Event Carried Out Arrangements in Most Creditable Style.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital has won for itself an enviable reputation in connection with its management of the annual ball. This function is acknowledged to be one of the most enjoyable events of the season in Victoria.

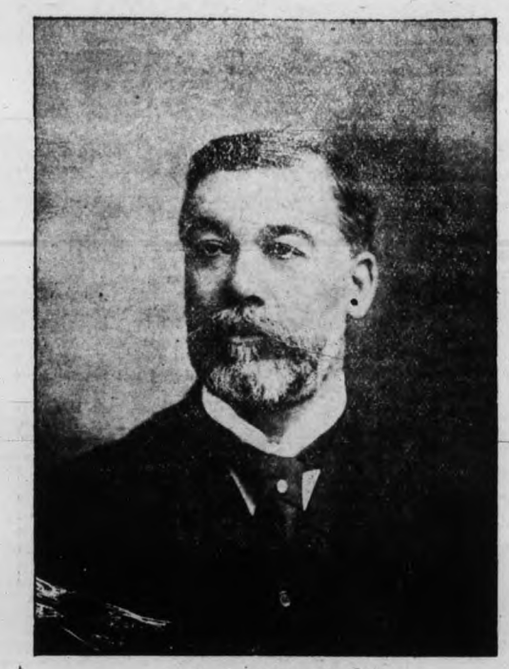
Last night's ball was acknowledged to surpass all others held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The arrangements were in the hands of an excellent committee, to whom in no small degree is due the success of the event. The committee of ladies was as follows: Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. Richard McBride, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Robert Day, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. C. W.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT,
Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Rhodes, Mrs. Albert Griffiths, Mrs. Ford Verrinder, Mrs. James A. Douglas, Mrs. Rowland Machin, Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. Goulding Wilson, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. R. E. Brett, Mrs. W. Brodrick, Mrs. W. Dalby, Mrs. Thos. Lee, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mrs. Frank Watkis, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. C. E. Redfern, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Thos. Watson, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Edward Hasell.

The decorations of Assembly hall were most artistic. The members of the committee having that in hand deserve great credit for the way in which they carried out the work. About the hall were arranged charming resting booths, fitted up with the most artistic finish.

The walls and ceilings were embellished with banners, bunting, evergreens and hangings of various kinds. The shading of the electric lights was made to conform with the general plan of decorations, making the whole effect most



HON. JAS. SUTHERLAND,
Minister of Public Works.

charming.

The luncheon room adjoining came in also for attention from the committee, and the decorations there were such as to complete the general effect of the hall. The tables were spread with a tempting display of dishes. Conspicuously displayed among the decorations of the ball and the luncheon rooms was the red cross of the society.

The floor was in excellent condition, and the music furnished throughout the evening by the Fifth Regiment orchestra was of the very best quality. Dancing began about 9 o'clock. There was a long programme, but so enjoyable was the evening spent that many encores were demanded. The attendance was good, and in consequence of the excellent arrangements made by the committee a most pleasant time was spent.

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HON. R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Government Ownership

What Conservative Leaders in the Past Have Thought Of It.

Speaking at Kingston in the campaign of 1872, Sir John Macdonald said:

We propose to build this transcontinental railway by means of a company. Why? Because, as you know, we have learnt by what we have gone through on the Intercolonial that railways can be constructed and operated more cheaply, more efficiently, more advantageously in every way, by a company than by a government. If our friends the Grits had had the Intercolonial in hand they would have experienced the same trouble we have. They would have discovered that while it is easy when you are out of office to talk of running things as you would run a counting-house, it is very difficult when you are actually the minister. You have then to resist the importunities of powerful friends, or yield to them, as the case may be. You have a hundred men looking for one contract or one office, each of them coming down like an army with banners. You have your merchants wanting to sell supplies at their own figure, the workingman threatening you if you do not increase his pay, and claims which a company road would never entertain rising up against you night and day, and calling for settlement on pain of having the claimants go over in a body to the Grit party, to get the fair and honest treatment that you deny them. Mr. Mackenzie says he is a practical man, but I wish him joy if ever he has to conduct the Intercolonial from Ottawa.

Sir Charles Tupper expressed his views in parliament, in a speech delivered in June, 1897, when he said:

I confess that I was astounded to find that, with the evidence that we had before us on the result of the construction and operation of government railways in Canada, a single intelligent man could be found in the House, or out of it, who was prepared to advocate such a policy in this case. Why, sir, all we have to do is to look at the facts we have before us. We have already solved, we have set at rest forever, in my judgment, in the mind of any reasonable or intelligent man, the question whether it is better for Canada to construct a railway and operate it as a government work, or by the aid of a private company.

Whether Liberals or Conservatives were in power, I would deplore in the strongest manner any attempt in this country by any government. I care not who they are, or who they are composed of, to construct another government railway. That is the position I take.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who visited Australia a few years ago, and had an opportunity of witnessing state ownership and operation in action, said in his speech in the Senate in 1903, on the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme (Senate Debates, 1903, p. 1,384):

This I will say, speaking for myself, I am opposed to governments running railways, and if we are to take the Intercolonial railway as a sample to guide us in the future, all I can say is, God protect us from the financial results that must follow if the government are to own and run many other roads in the future. . . . I watched the operation of the railways in Australia when I was there. They are government railways. They produce no argument to my mind that governments can own and operate railways as well as it can be done by individuals. I believe to-day that if the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, had possession of the Intercolonial railway, they would run it with as much advantage, if not more advantage, to the people living in the Maritime provinces, and at less expense than it is run to-day, and they would run it without losing any money.

A POLITICAL IMPOSSIBILITY.

IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF POLITICAL MORALITY THAT A GENTLEMAN HOLDING SUCH VIEWS AS THOSE TO WHICH COLONEL PRIOR GAVE EFFECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHIMNEY CREEK SCANDAL SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RETIRED FROM PUBLIC LIFE. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED WAS NOT LARGE. THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE OF THE CASE WAS THAT COLONEL PRIOR THOUGHT THAT SORT OF THING WAS ALL RIGHT, AND THAT HE STILL THINKS IT WAS ALL RIGHT. A MAN, WHO BELIEVES THAT HE HAS A RIGHT TO ASK HIS FIRM TO TENDER ON A PUBLIC CONTRACT AFTER HE HAS HAD AS A CABINET MINISTER ACCESS TO THE TENDERS ALREADY PUT IN, IS SO ABSOLUTELY OUT OF TOUCH WITH RUDIMENTARY POLITICAL MORALITY THAT HE OUGHT TO BE A POLITICAL IMPOSSIBILITY IN ANY COMMUNITY. THE VERY FACT THAT HE BELIEVES HE DID RIGHT SHOWS THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL RIGHT AND POLITICAL WRONG, AND A GENTLEMAN WHO DOES NOT KNOW THIS CANNOT SAFELY BE TRUSTED IN A PUBLIC POSITION.

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UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

Mr. Geo. Bullows Smith and Miss Margaret Nunn Married at St. Saviour's Church.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, on Wednesday, when Rev. Mr. Sharpe united in marriage Mr. George Bullows Smith, of Birmingham, England, and Margaret Ellen Lena, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nunn, of Constance avenue. The bride, who was attired in a dress of white silk crepe trimmed with point d'esprite lace and bebe ribbon and wore a diamond ring, the gift of the bridegroom, was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Daly and Miss Clara Williams, who were gowned in pink and white and wore gold crosses, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Alf. H. Nunn, brother of the bride.

The happy couple left on the Princess Victoria for a short tour of the Mainland. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Bullows Smith will make their home in Esquimalt.

Among the presents were: Silver tea set, Mr. R. H. Nunn; Singer sewing machine, Mrs. R. H. Nunn; silver and gold salt shells, Mr. and Mrs. King; vase, Benares ware, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nunn; oak and silver salad bowl, Mr. Clark; gentleman's companion, Mr. Harris; gold-plated inkstand, Mrs. May Leeman; glass and silver flower vase, Miss Grace Davis; silver bread tray, Miss Clara Williams; oak and willow butter dish with silver knife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas; glass candlesticks with shades, Miss Doran; tapestry sofa cushion, Miss Mabel Porter, London, England; fruit dish, Mrs. Simpson; chocolate pitcher, flower vases and Maltese lace handkerchief, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kent; set carvers, Mr. and Mrs. Maltravers; cucumber dish, Mrs. Davis; silver and glass cruet, Mr. May; silver bon-bon dish, Mr. A. Nunn; cut glass and silver vinegrette, Mrs. and Miss Turner; oak and silver butter cooler, Mr. Eccles and family; silver berry spoon, Mr. Merton; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mrs. Harding; glass and silver bon-bon dish, Mr. Laurie; half-dozen silver coffee spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Master B. Matthews; half-dozen silver teaspoons, Mr. R. Ritchie; oak and silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Copeland; point lace handkerchief, Miss Helene Lombard; rose centrepiece with doilies and gold sovereign brooch, Miss Alice Doran; fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. Hardaker; tea cosy, Miss Jordan; silver salad spoon and fork, Employees Spencer's Arcade; silver butter knife, Mr. Bessonette; cut glass and silver salt and pepper shakers, Mr. J. L. Lombard; orange blossoms, Miss Ethel Daly.

"I do not believe that, as a function of the government, a railway can be operated as economically or as successfully as it can be by a private company."—Senator Wood.

Miss Winterburne, of Seattle, is visiting Mrs. M. A. Wylde, 219 Fort street.

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NEW OFFICERS OF H.M.S. SHEARWATER

CREW IS ON THE WAY TO PACIFIC COAST

Steamers Detained by Heavy Fog—The Beatrice Runs in Close to Macaulay Point.

Special correspondence to the Times from London, England, under date of October 14th, says:

"The following officers have been appointed to H. M. S. Shearwater on recommissioning at Esquimalt: Commander A. T. Hunt, in command, reappointed; lieutenant, Lionel F. Maitland-Kerwan; first lieutenant, Lieut. Oswal T. Hodgson; navigating lieutenant, Lieut. C. M. L. Scott; paymaster (acting), H. C. M. Bells; surgeon, H. C. Fryer; chief artificer, Engineer N. E. Blake. The gunner has not been appointed at the time of writing."

All haste possible is being exercised in getting the Shearwater ready to proceed to Vancouver to receive her new crew, which started for the Pacific on the 20th inst. The work now being carried out on the sloop-of-war is largely confined to the engine room, and is only part of the extensive refit to which the ship will be subjected. The crew, which has moved ashore since the overhauling commenced, will make the passage to Vancouver on the Shearwater, and from the Terminal City will go overland on the C. P. R. en route home. Those who are to succeed the homeward bound men come from the west of England, as do all the crews of the other of His Majesty's ships now on this station.

JAP SEALER SUNK.

The Japanese schooner Koichi Maru was sunk by a Russian transport in the Okolsk sea in August last. Edward McNeill, a member of the crew, was a Victoria seal hunter. In relating the incident in a letter to his mother, Mrs. McNeill, of No. 2 Perry street, written from Koborosk, Russia, and dated September 3rd, he says:

Just a few lines, hoping to find you well and to let you know that I have arrived here safe and sound. I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me here in Russia, but please do not worry yourself about me. I am quite well and am being treated fine. The fact of the matter is this: A Russian transport happened to find us in the Okotsk Sea, and, after removing all those that were on board to the transport, they sank the schooner. Myself and three more boats were away from the schooner at the time. After she had finished with the schooner she came looking for us. After finding us, they took us on board and treated us very kindly. As soon as I was taken on board I was shown to a good stateroom and was told it was for my own use. After this she steamed away and I was told that we would be landed at Nikoliosk. We landed there on August 21st. From there we were sent up the Amur river to this place. Here we will wait an investigation. After that we will be shipped back to Yokohama.

The cold weather will soon set in here. I lost the best and largest part of my clothing, which was in my trunk on board the schooner when she was sunk. So far the Russians have been very kind to us, and I am glad to say that I have nothing to complain of yet. The only difficulty is none of us can speak Russian, so it makes it hard for us to get along.

I suppose the owners will be surprised when they hear about their schooner being sunk. If they don't hear about us by the end of October they will be getting anxious about us.

STAGE TRAVEL.

According to advices received on Wednesday at the Vancouver offices of the White Pass & Yukon railway, stage travel from White Horse to Dawson commenced on Monday last. The stage which left Dawson had all the passengers it could accommodate, while the stage leaving White Horse for the Yukon metropolis also carried a full load. These, the first stages to take the road after the close of navigation, were wheeled vehicles, and they will be maintained in service till such time as the river crossings freeze over, and it is possible to put runners under the vehicles.

The last weather report stated that the temperature along the Yukon was mild.

PILOT APPOINTED.

"Captain James R. Reardon has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the local pilotage board, caused by the death of Capt. Bridgman," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "There were about 40 applications for the position, which was the first appointment made by the board of the reorganized Vancouver Pilotage District, formerly known as the Yale and New Westminster Pilotage Authority. Captain Reardon was formerly chief officer of the Oriental liner Empress of Japan, and has also served on the steamer Tartar, and of late has been master of the coasting steamer Unican."

NAVIGATION INTERRUPTED.

When the fog began to lift and the sun commenced to break through the dense mist, about 9.20 o'clock this morning, a procession of steamers left the harbor. They were headed by the Princess Victoria and Leelenaw, which had been held pending the clearing of the atmosphere.

The Victoria had a very tedious passage from the Mainland yesterday. She did not get in until about seven in the evening, and passengers were even surprised to see her make as good progress as she did. The Leelenaw, when she sailed, headed for the Sound, where she has cargo to discharge before entering on her new duties in connection with the charter of the Pacific Freighting Company.

With the fog hanging thick over the Sound, the Whatcom and Princess Beatrice also had difficulty in running on time. Both were delayed yesterday afternoon. In the gloom the C. P. R. steamer is said to have gotten uncomfortably close to Macaulay Point. An explanation of this is offered by a shipping man. He says that the Sound steamers get their bearings from Point Wilson. With a strong ebb tide steamers crossing to Victoria are apt, he says, to be carried towards the Royal Roads in a fog. What is needed he considered was one of those horns on Brotchie ledge, such as are in use on Puget Sound.

The Whatcom landed at the outer wharf with the American passengers for the Blue Funnel liner Telemachus. The latter has no American passenger license, and in consequence this part of her business has to be transacted through Victoria. She was detained last night somewhere between Victoria and the Sound, and did not reach here until about noon.

The Victorian, which is operated between Sidney and Port Guichon, was also a victim of the fog, and her trip to the Island was yesterday cancelled.

GARONNE LIBELLED.

The steamer Garonne has been libelled by twenty-nine of her steerage passengers on her recent trip down from Nome. The complaint alleges that the steerage passengers were put into the cattle pen on the Garonne and received none of the accommodations and comforts to which steerage passengers are entitled. It is further alleged that for the first two days and nights out from Nome they were not provided either with seats or beds, with the result that the excessive motion of the boat, due to rough weather, knocked them backward and forward and made them sick. To recompence them for all their sufferings, the libellants ask for $500 each, a total of $14,000, and the return of their passage money.

MAINLANDER SUNK.

A dispatch from Seattle says: The steamer Mainlander, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, lies at the bottom of Puget Sound, four miles north of Seattle, as the result of a collision with the powerful tug Sea Lion. No lives were lost, despite the fact that the Mainlander had 16 passengers and a crew of 30. The tug was but little injured, and took the passengers and crew off the sinking steamer. Within 20 minutes after the collision the Mainlander went to the bottom. A dense fog prevailed.

MARINE NOTES.

Schooner J. H. Lunsmann, which brought sulphur to the outer wharf, will leave for the Sound in a day or so for lumber cargo.

The ship Palace is reported coming up the Straits. She is bound for the Mainland for lumber cargo.

R.M.S. Empress of India arrived at Hongkong from Victoria on the 26th inst.

THE WORST KIND.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Latest Appointments by the Government —List of Companies Incorporated.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains the following appointments:

Henry de Pencier, of Barnet, county of Vancouver, to be a justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Thomas Skewes-Cox, J.P., M.P., of 8 Lancaster Place, Strand, London, solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in England, in and for the courts of British Columbia.

Arthur McEvoy, of Vancouver, barrister and solicitor, to be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia.

Hon. Frederick John Fulton, Provincial Secretary, to be acting Attorney-General during the absence of Hon. Charles Wilson from the city of Victoria.

Chief Justice Hunter, D. M. Eberts, K.C., and E. V. Bodwell, K.C., of this city, and J. H. Senkler, Chester B. McNeill and A. B. Pottinger, of Vancouver, have been appointed a commission to revise and consolidate the rules governing the practice and proceedings in the Supreme court.

County Court Judge Harrison, of Nanaimo, A. E. Bull, F. W. Tiffin and J. H. Senkler, of Vancouver; R. L. Reid, of New Westminster, and G. H. Barnard, of Victoria, have been appointed a commission to revise and consolidate the rules governing the practice and proceedings in the County courts of British Columbia.

The following companies have been incorporated: Canadian Metal Company, Ltd., capital $1,100,000; Eagle Mining & Development Company, capital $100,000; Gold King, Ltd., capital $112,000; Hallam & Wyndham, Ltd., capital $10,000; Nelson Brewing Company, Ltd., capital $100,000; Northern Power & Lumber Company, Ltd., capital $50,000; Vernon Hardware Company, Ltd., capital $20,000.

The Bayonne Gold Mines Company, Ltd., has been registered an extra-provincial company. The capital is $450,000, and the head office is at Butte, Montana. The provincial headquarters are situated at Nelson and A. Mainwaring Johnson is attorney for the company.

The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company has given notice that at the expiration of thirty days it will apply to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council for the formal acceptance of the proposal to clear, remove obstructions from, and improve so as to be capable of rafting, holding and driving logs and timber thereon, the following waters in the province of British Columbia: Tsolum river and Courtenay river, and the mouths of the said rivers, situate in Comox district of the province of British Columbia. The company proposes to charge such rate of tolls as may be fixed by the judge of the County court of the county in which the proposed improvements are situate.

S. J. Speak, resident mine manager of the Ymir Gold Mines, has been appointed attorney for the company.

"No government can or ever will run any business which is dependent upon votes, upon business principles." — Sir George Drummond.

"I distinctly prefer the company system of owning and management (of railways) on the ground that it is certain to secure better service and greater economy."—Sir George Drummond.

Word comes from Lorneville, N. B., that a lad of nine years, son of James Ferguson, a farmer, while playing with a dog at his father's house, was seized by an eagle. The lad was carried some distance, when he fell from the eagle's claws. The bird tried to pick him up again, but the dog put up a fight against the bird until the father came to the rescue. The boy was badly torn and somewhat bruised.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Collie bitch, about 11 months old, with collar and chain attached. Anyone found harboring same after this notice will be prosecuted. Telephone 144.

FOR SALE—On easy monthly payments, 9 roomed house in good locality, nearly new, modern improvements; or would rent or lease. Apply 19 Burdette avenue.

CASH PROVISION STORE—Our own cure bacon is delicious. We sell butter by the box at jobbers' prices. Sausage, sauerkraut, black puddings, etc. Robert Eccles, Douglas street.

WANTED—Girl, about 16, for house work, two in family. Apply 30 Edmonton road.

TO LET—2 well furnished bedrooms, single or double, with modern conveniences. 55 Michigan street, James Bay.

WANTED—Good nurse, also housemaid; small family. P. O. Box 419.

TO LET—Comfortably furnished cottage, suitable for bachelors; rent, $7. A. Williams, 104 Yates street.

FOR SALE—A good Jersey cow. Apply Goodwin's Harness Shop, Douglas street.

FOR SALE—At Salt Spring, nice piece of property, part of an estate, orchard, buildings; investigate. "Ranch," Times Office.

LOST—Black morocco pocket wallet with business cards of owner. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to D. A. Upper, manager of Western Union Tel. Co., Government street.

Victoria, B.C., 26th Oct., 1904.
Hinkson Siddall, Esq., Returning Officer, Victoria:

Sir:—I hereby appoint Frank Higgins, Barrister-at-Law, as my agent in the forthcoming Election for the House of Commons, in pursuance of the Dominion Elections Act, 1900. My said agent's address is Law Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria, B. C.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE RILEY.
The above received October 26th, 1904.
HINKSON J. SIDDALL,
Returning Officer.

Victoria, B.C., 26th Oct., 1904.
Hinkson Siddall, Esq., Returning Officer, Victoria:

Sir:—I hereby appoint Arne John Arnason, Hotel Keeper, as my agent in the forthcoming Election for the House of Commons, in pursuance of the Dominion Elections Act, 1900. My said agent's address is Rock Bay Hotel, corner of Bridge and Work streets, Victoria, B. C.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES CAMERON WATTERS.
The above received 26th October, 1904.
HINKSON SIDDALL,
Returning Officer.

Victoria, 27th October, 1904.
To the Returning Officer, Victoria City Electoral District:

I hereby declare that I have appointed Mr. George Jay, of Elford street, Victoria, Barrister-at-Law, to be my agent, pursuant to Section 143 of the Dominion Elections Act, at the election to be held on the 3rd of November, 1904, in the constituency of the Victoria Electoral District.

EDW. GAWLOR PRIOR.
Received the above the 27th day of October, 1904.
HINKSON SIDDALL,
Returning Officer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

To-Morrow will be the last day but ONE to pay taxes to receive the abatement of one-sixth.

CHARLES KENT,
Treasurer-Collector.
Victoria, B.C., Oct. 22.

MARRIED.

COOTE-HARRISON — At St. James's church, London, Ont., on the 20th October inst., by the Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, J. Colborne Coote, of London, only son of the late J. B. Coote, Esq., to Eunice B. Harrison, eldest daughter of His Honor Judge Harrison and Mrs. Harrison.

BULLOWS-SMITH-NUNN—At St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, on the 26th inst., by Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, Mr. George Bullows-Smith, of Birmingham, England, to Miss Ellen Margaret Lena, eldest daughter of Mr. R. H. Nunn, of Constance avenue, Beaumont, B. C.

BRAITHWAITE-M'MICKEN—At Rossland, on Oct. 24th, by Rev. Mr. Smith, John Braithwaite and Miss Emma McMicken.

DIED.

DUCK—At Nelson, on Oct. 24th, James Duck, aged 41 years.

"I am dead opposed to government ownership and operation."—Sir George Drummond.

POPULISM.

"THIS IS NO LONGER THE PARTY OF SIR JOHN MACDONALD AND SIR CHAS. TUPPER. THIS IS THE PARTY OF POPULISM, SUCH AS FOUND ITS BIRTH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LINE, WHICH HAS COME TO THIS DEMAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP."

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BUTTER 30 Cents per lb.
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Twenty-five acres, nearly opposite San Juan, with sheltered bay and good shingle beach, and finely wooded (maple and arbutus, etc). It is near Cadboro Bay, and about two and a half miles from car line.

This property is well adapted for a gentleman's residence and pleasure grounds, while a portion would be suitable for market garden and orchard purposes.

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MUNDAY'S

We give below a few of our special bargains for Saturday. All good solid reliable lines. You can save money by shopping here.

Misses' Box Calf Butt. and Dongola kid lace boots, sizes 11 to 2, regular price $1.75. Saturday $1.00

Boys' strong all leather boots, sizes 11 to 13 and 1 to 5, regular price $1.50 Saturday $1.00

Men's heavy working boots, all solid leather, regular $2.00. Saturday $1.50

Men's Box Calf Bals, leather lined, Goodyear Welts, regular $4.00 Saturday $2.75

Women's Carpet Slippers, rose pattern, Old Country make, strong leather soles, regular $1.00. Saturday 50c

MUNDAY'S SHOE STORE
89 GOVERNMENT STREET
Agent for Dick's Old Country Boots.

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The total exports of wheat and flour during the last three years of the Conservative regime were as follows: 1894, $7,832,919; 1895, $6,198,221; 1896, $6,489,954. The total exports of wheat and flour in 1901 were; $10,887,165; in 1902, $22,656,942; in 1903, $29,265,846. These figures tell their own story of increased national prosperity under Liberal rule.

The Far East As I Saw It.

A Trip Round Lake Baikal—Line Nearly Ready for Work—Why Japan Forced the Fighting.

(A. G. Hales in London News.)

When writing about the tactics of Gen. Kouropatkin most of the critics seem to me to have lost sight, in a great measure, of Lake Baikal, the weak spot in the great Russian railway from a military point of view. It is the weak spot today, but the weakness will disappear within the next three weeks, for by that time the railway line that is to skirt the lake will be finished, and Kouropatkin will have an unbroken line of communication all the way between his army and the capital of his country, providing he is not outflanked. The Japanese general is aware of this. Gen. Kuroki is too well informed of all that is going on in Russia not to know that gigantic efforts are being made to finish the line on the lake's shores so that reinforcements may be thrown forward in an unceasing stream by the Muscovites. It is on account of this more than for any other reason that Kuroki has been forcing the pace with such headlong impetuosity. He wanted to deal a crushing blow at Kouropatkin before the great Muscovite could face him in overwhelming numbers. Both commanders have been playing a marvellous game for months past. The Japanese leader has been trying so to pinch his enemy in a given position as to make him put up with the hazards of a pitched battle. The Muscovite has been falling away all the time, and yet doing it in such a threatening fashion that the enemy has never known when the retreat might not change to an attack.

The Rival Plans.

One scarcely knows which to admire most—the virility and dash of the Orientals, or the coolness and patience of the Europeans. With Port Arthur standing firm in his rear, Kuroki had to risk all, dare all, to cripple Kouropatkin before the early days of September passed, and he knew it, for Buriat spies at Lake Baikal kept him in touch with everything done at the great lake. Kouropatkin had three things eternally in his mind. First, he had to draw together all his forces, scattered far away in Manchuria and Korea. He had to get those ill-armed, ill-clothed, ill-prepared troops out of the clutches of the superbly-equipped enemy, for to allow them to be cut up piecemeal would have been madness. He had to wait until Lake Baikal was circled by the railway, and he waited for winter, and so far he has been successful. His stand at Liao Yang was part of his policy, just as the attack was part of Kuroki's. I do not think that anyone standing with me upon the shores of Lake Baikal a month ago would have failed to see the tremendous significance of the completion of the railway circuit to Kouropatkin. Even winter, the Russians' old-time and never-failing ally, would not have been of much use to Kouropatkin unless the last rail was in its place before the snows begin to fall. That was why he had five-and-twenty thousand soldiers working night and day to connect the eastern with the western section. If Russia wanted war in the Far East before Lake Baikal was girdled with a railway, then the Russians must be a race of lunatics, judging them from a military standpoint.

"Where Russia's Back Can Be Broken."

I do not think they did want war at all, but that is beside the question. They have got war, and got it before they were ready for it. Let me try bluntly to make the position clear. Lake Baikal is 412 miles long; at its widest points its breadth is forty miles. It is of tremendous depth everywhere. Its area is 14,500 miles, and its only outlet is the Angara river, which runs northwards to the sea. This lake stretches its length right across the track that was laid down for the Trans-Siberian railway, the only track that could be taken. When the railway line was laid as far as the western bank of the lake, if the Russians had meant or had expected war, they would at once have commenced to skirt this inland sea. But they did nothing of the kind, though they only had to build 130 odd miles of extra line to have an unbroken line all the way from the capital to the coast. It is true that something like 70 miles of it, commencing from the western side, presented grave engineering difficulties, but no insurmountable difficulties, as the Russians will demonstrate before the end of next month, if not sooner. But as they did not want trouble and did not think that it would come for many years, they simply contented themselves with running a few steamers across Baikal from west to east, to carry the traffic. I heard it said in Japan that the late Commander Hiroshi, who died so heroically outside Port Arthur a few months back, had made a personal examination of this railway line for his government, and that on his return to Tokio he had said to his Royal master, "There is the key to the whole military situation in a war with Russia in Manchuria. There, and there alone, can Russia's back be broken." As he spoke he ran his fingers round Lake Baikal. I know that Hiroshi was in Siberia for his government, for an intimate friend of his took me the day after Hiroshi's funeral to see the clothing that fine Japanese sailor and explorer wore on the trip, and a true Siberian outfit it was. During the winter a light railway was laid down upon the ice to connect the eastern with the western shore, but it was only a makeshift. No minister of war in any country would jeopardize his army by trusting to rails laid on ice, for at any moment the vibration might cause a crevasse which would engulf the line, and all upon it, if any very great degree of traffic were attempted.

When War Came.

As soon as war came then gigantic efforts were made to get the circuit of Lake Baikal completed. Five and twenty thousand soldiers were turned on to do the work in regular relays. The eastern portion running round the southern end of the lake was not a very formidable task, there being only two tunnels there, and this has long since been finished. As a matter of fact, the engines and trucks are busy upon it, I myself managing to get a ride on this section. The work is splendidly done, and will be equal to any strain that may be put upon it, and I have a fair idea of the enormity of the strain that is likely to fall when the line opens. It was, however, the western section, on the side nearest Russia proper, that presented the difficulties, because of the rugged nature of the country. No less than nine-and-thirty tunnels had to be make in something like forty miles. I should have liked to have made some snapshots at this point, but permission was refused me, and the refusal struck me as being very natural. Not that I think any portraits I might have taken would have helped the enemy if published, because I am certain that Japanese spies have long since located every tunnel that has been driven, and know all about everything connected with the line. The spies are wonderfully organized, and are, I think, the most competent men of their kind known to modern times. They are full of cunning, and resource, and their carelessness in regard to their own lives has passed into a proverb. But, clever as they are and reckless as they are known to be, I do not think any of them will succeed in getting inside any of those nine-and-thirty tunnels, for the entrance and the exit connected with each is guarded night and day by specially-selected troops. Never was the entrance to a treasure house more jealously guarded. To try and pass through one of those tunnels without a proper pass, or without a proper escort, would mean a bullet first and a bayonet afterwards, for a breakdown now, just as the winter is approaching, would be a terrible calamity to the Czar's saldiers. When I saw this part of the line the Russians were just making the work fly, and unless something untoward has happened they must now be putting the finishing touches to it, and one of Kouropatkin's most terrible anxieties should be pretty nearly removed.

Kuroki's Position.

Kuroki has been forcing the pace with all the energy that is in him to bring about the utter smashing of Kouropatkin's army before the Lake Baikal line is ready for use. I think he will surely fail in his effort. He may drive Kouropatkin out of Liao Yang and force him back on Mukden, aye, even to Harbin, as I wrote long ago. If he could succeed it would allow him time to make an assault upon Port Arthur in such gigantic numbers that the garrison would be overwhelmed. It would also give him time to make his own line of communication secure whilst the routed Russians were forming a new army to take the field. If he does not succeed, then he will be in a terrible plight himself, for with Port Arthur standing firm in his rear and the Muscovites pushing eastward like a torrent, Japan's star will begin to wane. This, then, is the position. If Kuroki can so thoroughly defeat Kouropatkin before the railway round Lake Baikal opens or the winter comes that Kouropatkin has to return routed, leaving his military stores in Japanese hands or destroying them, Kuroki will have finished the summer campaign gloriously. But the war will not be over, for another Russian army will at once commence to take the field. The smashing and annihilating of Kouropatkin's army means the loss of immense supplies to Russia, the loss of a lot of men and many guns. It means nothing more. But failure on the part of Kuroki means the beginning of the end for Japan. That little stretch of 130 miles of railway round Lake Baikal is going to be a wonder worker. It means continuity of supplies, a steady and certain influx of fresh troops to take the place of the killed, disabled and worn out, an unbroken stream of food supplies, medical comforts and fresh transport, an inexhaustible and up-to-time command of good horses, ready for work in the field. Without that 130 miles of rail Russia's backbone in the Far East was bent, if it was not broken, and no men living knew it better than Kuroki and his adversary Kouropatkin. I believe that when the history of this war comes to be written it will be found that the fatal flaw in the Japanese campaign was the advance into the interior of Manchuria before Port Arthur was reduced. I think it will yet be proved that before the march on Liao Yang was commenced Port Arthur should have been taken, even if it cost Japan a whole army corps to take it.

A Parallel.

Up to date there is a really marvellous resemblance between the advance of Kuroki and the advance of the first Napoleon against the same enemy. It was in March, 1812, that the French troops then operating against the British in Portugal received orders to move towards Russia. On the 25th of June an army of veterans, under renowned generals, led by the foremost soldier of the age, crossed the River Nieman into Lithuania. On the 30th they were in possession of the capital of that province, the Russians falling away all the time, and on the 28th of July the French were at Witebsk, where they easily drove the Muscovites before them. Town after town fell into French hands after mere skirmishes, and the veterans of Napoleon were laughing at the easy manner in which they were covering themselves with glory. On the 7th of August the Russians stood at bay, and at 7 in the morning the fighting commenced. The French claim that on that day their artillery fired 120,000 rounds of ammunition, and it must be remembered that artillery ninety odd years ago was not what it is to-day in the matter of quick firing. Some of the French writers admit that Napoleon's army lost in killed and wounded 17,000 men, and a host of officers, amongst whom were eight generals killed on the field. They claim that the Russians lost 50,000 men, killed or disabled in the action, which ended at nightfall. The French were victorious, and within a week were in possession of Moscow. Yet, within ten weeks from the day that great battle was fought and won, the French were commencing their retreat, which has no parallel in history either for misery or endurance.

Compare Kuroki's march with that of Napoleon, and the similarity of events, so far as they have gone, will be found to be simply astounding. When the final story come to be written, I am of opinion that the sequel will be the same, even as the tactics are similar, in each case. The Muscovite waited, or waits, for winter, and the massing of men. If Kouropatkin is beaten completely even to the verge of annihilation, it is merely an incident, not an ending. Behind Kouropatkin stands the Russian nation, cold, grim and unbending. They are not of an hysterical temperament. They will go on for years, and they will get the outlet to the sea that they want, or they will be crushed out of existence, and the only combination that can so crush them is that of Japan and China, backed by British money. But from conversations I have had with influential men of many nations, I think that, in such an event, a western combination would arise strong enough to help Russia. I hope and trust that the public of Great Britain will not allow themselves to be jockeyed into a worse position than they have got into at present through the Yellow alliance, for this time her great over-sea dependencies are not in sympathy with her. Especially we who are Australians can feel in every fibre of our national being the dangerous nature of the ground she is treading upon. But I will deal with that phase of the question later on, as in this article I have to deal more particularly with Lake Baikal.

Lake Baikal and the Railway.

It will not be long now before the lake will be frozen over. Then the light railway will go down upon the ice once more to aid the return of empty trucks, but no full trucks going east will cross it. The eastern bound trains will roll on round the lake. There will be no break in the chain. The strain for the first six months will be terrific. I think that at least three hundred thousand soldiers of the best kind will be thrown over the line in that time—soldiers, horses, guns, ammunition, clothing, food, medical supplies, and all the impedimenta of war. It will try the line, and try it high; but the railway will be equal to it. Of the rolling stock that lies waiting for the finish of the curve I can only say that its numbers and quality would stagger any man who looked at it for the first time. Lord Roberts, in the most favorable hours of his campaign in South Africa, never had at his command enough rolling stock to make even a trivial show against what the Russians have in waiting. Row upon row, I looked at the carriages for troops waiting at the sidings, often four and five rows, half a mile in length. And what carriages they are.

Our Yeomanry and Tommies who remember the sheep and cattle trucks, open to the cold winds at night, and the blistering sun by day, in which they travelled, should see the Russian troop trains. All are roofed in and enclosed at the sides, like vans. Proper care has been taken that ventilation should be assured in hot weather, and warmth be secured in winter. Shelves with bedding run along the sides and ends of the troop cars in a manner which shows that the Muscovite is getting ready in a thorough and workmanlike fashion at last. The engines in use are all, or nearly all, magnificent samples of the engine-builder's art. I looked very closely at them, and failed to find our British trade mark very often. Yet other countries were freely represented. We ought to have had a lot of that trade. I think we would have had a lot of it if a saner feeling existed in this country towards Russia.

The great ice-cutting steamer that clears the frozen lake is of British manufacture, and in its way is a masterpiece. A Briton named T. O. Handy looks after the machinery when it goes wrong. There is work, good paying work too, in that country for an army of our mechanics if only alleged diplomats would leave off intriguing and journalists would cease hagging. After this war, if our diplomats and journalists will only act like sane men, and keep out of the trouble which is no concern of theirs, there should be a fine outlet for British capital in the undeveloped mining country extending all around Lake Baikal, and British capital should mean the use of British machinery, though, unfortunately, it does not always mean the use of British labor, as we see by the influx of Chinese into Johannesburg. In conclusion, let me say that the Lake Baikal circuit railway will be completed before the long-talked-of fall of Port Arthur takes place. Port Arthur has not fallen, but Japanese bonds on the money markets of the world have.

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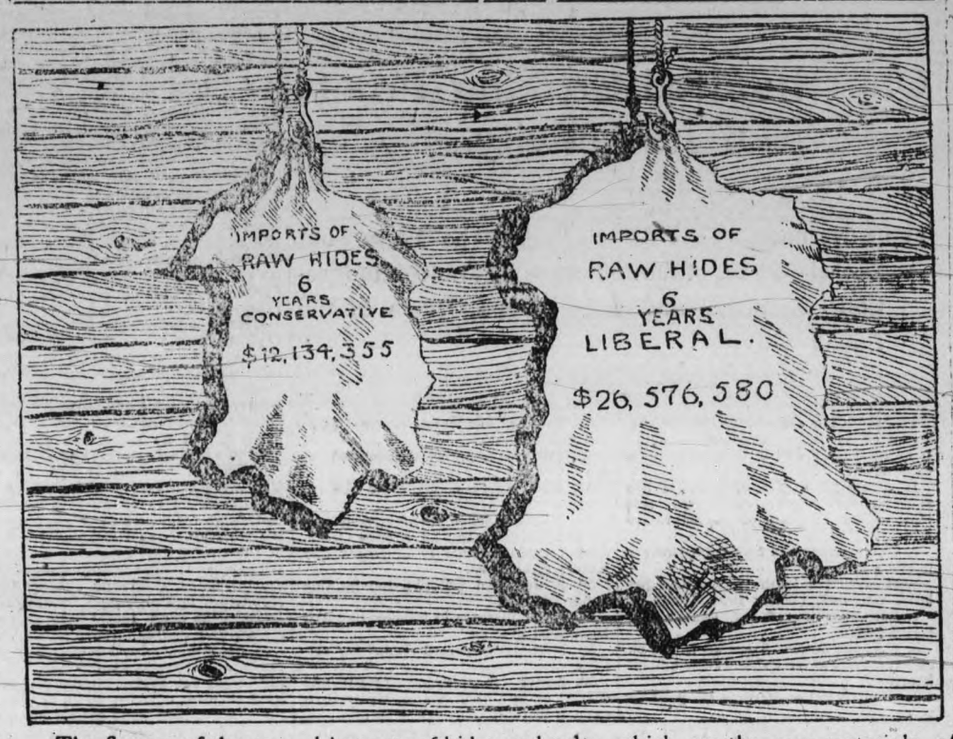

The figures of the annual imports of hides and pelts, which are the raw materials of many industries, from 1890 to 1903 inclusive, are given elsewhere in this issue. Like all other statistics of Canadian trade, they tell a striking story of industrial expansion under Liberal rule.

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There is no better test of increased prosperity than an increased consumption of cigars. The figures year by year as given elsewhere in this issue show an increase of 9 per cent. in eight years of Conservative rule and an increase of 55 per cent. under Liberal rule.

There are about eight thousand acetylene installations in Germany. The gas is now being used not only for lighting, but for gas engines. Experiments on the Elbe have shown that it is good for signalling at sea and for lighthouses.

MURDER AT WINNIPEG.

Teamster Split Open His Wife's Head With an Axe.

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—A cold-blooded murder was committed at a boarding house at 256 Nena street, when Robt. W. Taylor, a teamster in the employ of Alex. Black Lumber Company, split open his wife's head with an axe. He then quietly woke up the other boarders and informed them he had killed the "old woman."

The murderer had not been drinking to excess, and appears to be sane, but no motive for the crime can be imagined.

Taylor, in waking up the inmates, walked through the house holding a lamp and a bloody axe in his hands. The boarders became panic-stricken and sent for the police. Sergeants Kerr and Robertson handcuffed Taylor and removed him to the station. He was still smoking a pipe when the police arrived, tried to explain the nature of the wound and remarked that he was quite comfortable, after which he burst forth into song, "Loch Lomond," until stopped by the police.

The murdered woman's maiden name was Rathburn, and she came from Deseronto, Ont. The three daughters of the Taylors live in the house. Taylor claims he belongs to Cameron, Ont.

THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

Germany Anxious For Another Meeting To Settle Points of International Law.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—While the United States note inviting a second peace conference at The Hague for the purpose of strengthening the original convention has not yet been received by the German government, the foreign office again emphasizes to the Associated Press Germany's wish for another conference. This must, however, avoid plans for universal peace and aim solely at practicable reforms. While the conference cannot have any direct effect upon the Russo-Japanese war since neither side wishes outside interference, still questions of international law have arisen in connection with this war, which demand a settlement, and it lies to the interest of the world's peace to reach an international agreement on such questions, and get as many nations as possible to subscribe to its terms.

THE STAR OF CANADA.

"LET ME TELL YOU, MY COUNTRYMEN—ALL THE SIGNS POINT THAT WAY—THE TWENTIETH CENTURY SHALL BE THE CENTURY OF CANADA.

"FOR THE NEXT SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS, NAY, FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS, CANADA SHALL BE THE STAR TOWARDS WHICH ALL MEN WHO LOVE PROGRESS AND FREEDOM SHALL COME."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Toronto.

WORLD'S FAIR RATES EXTENDED.

Through the efforts of the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, World's Fair excursion tickets will be sold on October 27th, 28th and 29th, in addition to October 3rd, 4th and 5th. For full information apply to any Great Northern agent.*

During a fit of laughing a water melon seed, which had been firmly fixed in the throat of a twelve-year-old girl at Toulon, flew out. It had lodged there for ten months, and it was feared that the child's life would be sacrificed.

A vote for Colonel Prior means a vote for the indefinite postponement, possibly a vote for the death, of the work that will open up a new Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE GOVERNMENT THAT DOES THINGS

One Hundred Striking Proofs Of Its Activity.

The Government That Scores Versus the Party That Scolds---Some of the Increases in Trade, Immigration, Railways and Other Departments of the Public Service.

The following are among the achievements of Liberal administration, under the Premiership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, since 1896:

1. A greater degree of progress has been made in 7 years of Liberal rule than during 18 years of Conservative rule.
2. Not a dollar has been added to the public debt.
3. A reduction in the public debt per head, viz., 1896, $50.96; 1904, $46.31.
4. Surpluses instead of deficits for last 7 years.
5. Customs duties 13 per cent. less on average than under Conservative administration.
6. Great increase of revenue year by year.
7. Government securities placed on Great Britain's trustee list.
8. Government loans floated at 2½ per cent.
9. Yukon opened up, and it has paid its way.
10. Canada's total trade increased from $257,000,000 in 1897 to $467,000,000 in 1903.
11. Canada's percentage of growth of trade, 1895 v. 1902, 107 per cent. (United States, 47 per cent.; Great Britain, 26 per cent.)
12. Substantial increases in every line of exports.
13. Substantial growth in manufactures.
14. Additional commercial agencies established.
15. New steamship services inaugurated.
16. Transportation facilities developed.
17. Transportation commission appointed.
18. Fourteen-foot canal channel completed.
19. Canal tolls abolished.
20. Trent canal system completed to Peterboro'.
21. Georgian Bay canal route being surveyed.
22. Post office department produces a substantial surplus.
23. Many post office improvements effected.
24. Postal rates reduced.
25. All British Pacific cable line assisted.
26. Telegraph line to the Yukon built.
27. Marconi wireless telegraphy system used.
28. Liberal tariff productive of splendid results.
29. A tariff commission appointed.
30. A second tariff commission promised.
31. Surtax imposed on products of Germany.
32. Anti-dumping law passed.
33. Trusts and combinations regulated.
34. Tariff reductions made.
35. British preferential tariff law passed.
36. Customs department reforms instituted.
37. Publication of trade statistics provided for.
38. The great Canadian National Transcontinental railway projected.
39. Crow's Nest Pass railway built.
40. Intercolonial railway brought to Montreal.
41. Railway building promoted without land grants.
42. Radical railway act passed.
43. Railway commission appointed.
44. Farmers assisted in many ways.
45. United States cattle quarantine abolished.
46. Cold storage transportation provided for.
47. Livestock interests placed in hands of an expert commission.
48. Veterinary branch reformed.
49. Tobacco-growing aided.
50. Great increase in trade in agricultural products.
51. Canada adequately represented at the great fairs.
52. The Canadian west developed as never before.
53. New surveys made in the far north.
54. Mounted police patrol area extended to Hudson's Bay and Arctice Ocean.
55. Canada's rights in Hudson's Bay waters established.
56. A new and effective immigration policy adopted.
57. Great increase in immigration and homestead entries.
58. New laws passed benefiting settlers.
59. Active immigration propaganda carried on in United States, Great Britain and Europe.
60. Department of mines established.
61. Assay office and mint established.
62. The best census ever taken in Canada—that of 1901.
63. Many militia improvements effected.
64. Labor department established.
65. Sweating system abolished.
66. Labor Gazette issued.
67. Fair wage policy adopted on public contracts.
68. Strikes and lockouts settled.
69. Labor claims investigated.
70. Alien labor law passed.
71. Tax on Chinese increased.
72. Tory franchise act abolished.
73. New redistribution bill passed.
74. The ballot improved.
75. The promises of 1896 fulfilled.
76. Canada adequately advertised throughout the empire.
77. Canada made a leader of the colonies.
78. Canada at last comes to her own.
79. Canada's legislative and administrative methods copied by other colonies.
80. Canada's banks have greatly increased their business.
81. The true principles of responsible government have been recognized.
82. The Canadian workingman is sharing in our national prosperity.
83. The Canadian railways are reaping the benefits of improved business conditions.
84. All the tall chimneys in Canada are smoking.
85. Canada is at peace within her own borders and with the world.
86. The Canadian cabinet is a business government.
87. Twenty-five millions' worth of settlers' effects have been imported into Canada since 1897.
88. The Liberal immigration returns have not required padding.
89. The prohibition of unfit immigrants is being effected.
90. The settlers of the West have been relieved from scores of adverse conditions.
91. Despite reduction in taxation the national debt has remained practically stationary.
92. Farm lands in the West have largely increased in value.
93. The contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific is vastly superior to that made with the C. P. R. of 20 years ago.
94. The Liberal railway policy will open up vast areas of new country.
95. The new railway commission will control railway rates and prevent discrimination.
95. The government assists the Northwest Territories by over a million a year.
97. Liberal rule has given Canada its high-water period of prosperity.
98. A new Canada has come into being under Liberal rule.
99. Peace, plenty and prosperity prevail in Canada.
100. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has proved nimself to be "The greatest statesman of Greater Britain."

joy of life that expression is but the natural outcome of a healthy individuality.

"Imagination is the one possession having which no man can be poor, or mean, or insignificant. He can walk with kings and he can see the high places of the world with seeing eyes, a gift which no money can give,"—which indeed holds good in the series of vivid pictures which we have of all those exquisite Alpine towns, from Lucerne, with its quaint bridges, and pigeons, and red roofs, and shining lake, and mountains, through the St. Gothard Pass and down that eastern spur of mountains which brings one at last to the lovely southern slopes of the Riviera.

Of course when one rushes through country in an "auto" impressions are apt to be snap-shots and nothing more. But snap-shots can be clear-cut and beautiful, and there are exquisite bits here and there from the "long, long roads of France," when it was enough "to spin on and on between the rows of sentinel poplars bound for the horizon, yet never reaching it."

Here is a picnic, at night, on the St. Gothard Pass which the energetic Americans were "rushing" for the fun of escaping the "douanes"—and impending fines:

"By the time we had reached Gurtnellen, night had fallen black and close, and Molly issued an edict that we should dine in the open air instead of seeking the doubtful comforts of a village inn. The car accordingly was run under the lee of a great rock, the ever ingenious Gotteland extemporized a shelter with the waterproof rugs, and the blue flame of the chafing-dish presently cheered us with its glow. The wind bellowed along the precipices, the Reuss shouted in its rocky bed, and once an express from Italy to the north passed high above us streaming its lights through the darkness like sparks from a boy's squib. Yet those plutocratic travellers up in the "wagon lits" were not having anything like the good time we enjoyed, warm in our motor coats, sitting snug behind our rock, a lamp from the car illumining our little party and shining on Molly's piquant profile as she brewed savory messes in her magic cauldron."

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"The Princess Passes," by the same authors: C. N. and A. M. Williamson (Toronto, McLeod & Allen, publishers), is a sort of sequel to the first book, in that it is also a romance concerning itself with the fortunes of some characters figuring in the other; to be more explicit this is a romance of one, Lord Lane, the "Monte," to whom so many of the letters of the afore time "Lightning Conductor" were ascribed in days when he —"The Lightning Conductor"—was playing "chauffeur" to the beautiful American girl whom he afterwards married.

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To the wild woods and the downs
To the silent wilderness.

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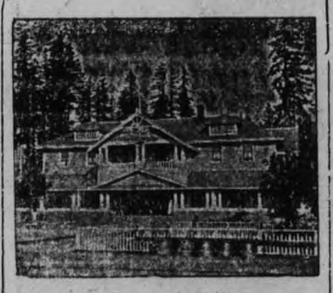

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Separate tenders will be received up to 3 p. m. on Monday, the 31st day of October, 1904, for the following:

1. LEAD PIPE.
2. BRASS GOODS.

Specifications for each of which can be obtained at the office of the undersigned, where also samples can be seen.

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 14th Sept., 1904.

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FOR SALE—Cheap, air-tight heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. I X L Second-Hand Store, 8 Store street. Phone B928.

FOR SALE—Cheap, odd bureaus, chest of drawers, mirrors, heaters, mattresses, etc., at 53 Blanchard street. Phone B518.

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TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

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VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Office and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

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CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED—Gents' suits, $1.75; overcoats, $1.00 to $1.25; ladies' skirts, 50c. to 75c.; jackets, 75c. to $1.25; clothes repaired and altered; all work guaranteed. 136 Yates street, opposite Dominion Hotel. James Dupen.

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30 BROAD STREET.

FOR SALE—Bevens avenue, corner, 7 roomed dwelling, with cellar and attic, nice garden with 6 fruit trees in bearing; only $1,800.

FOR SALE—Four miles from town, 28 acres, of which 15 acres are cultivated, 6 easily cleared, and 7 with light timber, all good soil, 2 wells of water; price $4,500.

FOR SALE—10 acres, Saanich district, small dwelling, barn, chicken houses, etc., 80 fruit trees, 1,600 strawberry plants in bearing, no rock; price $1,000.

FOR SALE—10 roomed house and small lot, in centre of city, only $1,900; all modern conveniences.

FOR SALE—Stanley avenue, two lots, excellent soil, 13 fruit trees in full bearing, nice home for small family; price $1,050, terms if necessary.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, two lots, corner, and 2 story dwelling of 7 rooms, assessed value, $2,700; our price, $2,000. Terms, $1,000 cash, balance $15 per month. This should appeal to you.

FOR SALE—Heywood avenue and Wallace street, two lots, well situated; open to offer.

FOR SALE—Fort street, near Cook street, double front lot, 60x120 feet, fine residential site; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Elford street, nice building lot at $550, or will build to suit purchaser or tenant.

FOR SALE—James Island, 165 acres, 30 acres cultivated, balance slashed and seeded, well watered, excellent run for sheep or cattle; cottage, barn, stables, sheep sheds, etc.; orchard of 112 trees, principally apples. Price $2,500. This is very cheap.

TO LET—Oriental Hotel, containing 60 bedrooms, 5 parlors, bar, large dining room, kitchens, bakery, all fully furnished; will be let at a modest rent for a term of years.

FOR SALE—Corner lot and four roomed cottage, Devonshire road, $1,200; particularly easy terms.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 3 lots and 8 roomed cottage, nice house, $2,800.

FOR SALE—Stanley avenue, new bungalow of 8 rooms, all modern conveniences; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Four miles from town, 20 acres, of which 12 acres are cultivated, balance light timber, principally oak, orchard of 140 fruit trees is bearing, five roomed cottage, brick dairy, large barn, three wells of excellent water, good roads; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Bellott street, east of Cook street, 2 story, with brick foundation, 8 rooms, all modern conveniences, a nice house; on easy terms.

FOR SALE—Niagara street, new bungalow of 8 rooms, with all modern conveniences; small payment down, and balance in small monthly payments.

FOR SALE—Pine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value $240; our price $125.

FOR SALE—Blanchard street, lot 20x60, with two story building in good condition, cheap; would make a good factory.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only $1,800.

FOR SALE—Near Dallas road and car line, good seven roomed dwelling, well situated; price $1,600, and terms to suit.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; $3,000.

FOR SALE—Dallas road, 2 lots and modern 10 roomed dwelling, $7,000; easy terms.

FOR SALE—Niagara street, on car line, modern bungalow of 7 rooms; $2,500.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, 4 roomed house, good soil, city water laid on.

FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; $1,600.

FOR SALE—Cottage and lot, Johnson street; nice home.

FOR SALE—Pembroke street, near Douglas street, lot 60x120, 5 roomed cottage, modern conveniences; only $1,600.

FOR SALE—7½ acres and small dwelling, near the exhibition buildings; $500 cash and balance in small monthly payments, no interest.

FOR SALE—Water lot and dwelling, near the new C. P. R. wharf, James Bay; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Fort street, near Linden avenue, 10 roomed dwelling, double front lot; well situated for private boarding house.

FOR SALE—Henry street, Victoria West, 3 vacant lots; only $525.

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, with frontage on beach, ½ acre and 8 roomed house, $2,500; terms.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, lot 60x120, 6 roomed cottage; only $1,600.

FOR SALE—Yates street, near Quadra, vacant lot; $1,800.

FOR SALE—9½ acres, four miles from city; $350.

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TO LET—Well furnished cottage, with tennis court and half acre land, Western Victoria.

TO LET—7 roomed house, close to tram, fine view of water; rent only $12.

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FOR SALE—Nice lot, Esquimalt road; price $225.

FOR SALE—8¼ acres splendid land on North Dairy Farm, 3 miles from Post Office, mostly cleared pasture; price $975.

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"Foolish, But Nothing Wrong" (?)

In a meeting held at the North Ward school on Wednesday night Col. Prior practically defended his action in connection with the Chimney Creek bridge matter, declaring that he "might have been foolish, but he did nothing wrong."

As Col. Prior is now disposed to pass over the affair as a trifling indiscretion, a digest of the evidence brought out at the sittings of the committee is here appended.

The committee sat on the evening of May 28th, 1903, and a number of witnesses, including Messrs. Prior, Wells and Gamble, were examined, as well as several members of the firm of E. G. Prior & Co.

From the evidence submitted the following facts were established:

1. That at the time quotations for the Chimney Creek cable were called for Mr. Wells was Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

2. That four firms were asked for prices. The firms and tenders were:

Dominion Wire Rope Company, Montreal, October 3rd, $5,917.31½; October 14th, $5,581.23½.

McLennon, for W. B. Brown & Co., Liverpool, September 30th, $5,225.

Frank Dowling, for Roebling & Co., October 5th, $3,881; November 8th, $3,450.

A. Leschen & Son Rope Company, St. Louis, October 27th, $3,380.75.

3. That F. C. Gamble opened the tenders as soon as received.

4. That he took them to Col. Prior, who was acting as Chief Commissioner in Mr. Wells's absence on November 15th, 1902.

5. That Col. Prior thereupon suggested that E. G. Prior & Co. be allowed to tender; that Mr. Gamble urged that it might not be advisable to do so; but that Col. Prior wished to have his firm tender, and it was so notified.

6. Under instructions from Mr. Gamble, Mr. Cookson, a clerk in the department, took the tenders themselves and the specifications to Col. Prior.

7. Mr. Schwengers, of E. G. Prior & Co., consulted Col. Prior re the tender.

"Premier Prior, being again called, said that Mr. Cookson most assuredly sent him a copy of the prices and also the specifications. He folded the schedule of the prices and was positive Mr. Schwengers did not see it. He saw the specifications only."

8. E. G. Prior & Co. submitted a tender on December 6th for $3,210.39, being $170.36 less than the next lowest tender.

9. On December 12th E. G. Prior & Co. were notified of the acceptance of their tender. They were told that the cable should be delivered before the winter roads broke up. The other tenderers were to deliver their cable by the end of January, 1903. Manager Matthews, of E. G. Prior & Co., swore his company did not undertake to deliver the cable before the roads broke up.

It was on the facts as above disclosed under oath that His Honor the Lieut.-General relieved Col. Prior of office, observing at the same time:

"The view which you have expressed in explanation and justification of your action in your answers to the committee . . . are so incompatible with and so completely at variance with what I have always understood to be the true principles of parliamentary independence of members, and above all of Ministers of the Crown, that while admitting you must have honestly considered that you were doing no wrong, I am, to my sincere regret, unable to continue feeling that confidence in your judgment which would justify me in acting any longer on your advice."

The same "views expressed in explanation and justification of your action" to the committee in May, 1903, are being expressed to the electorate on the stump by Col. Prior in the present campaign.

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Victoria	9.00	12.00	Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	11.00	10.02	Duncans	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith	5.52	4.00
Nanaimo	12.40	8.20	Nanaimo	6.42	3.15
Ar. Wellington	12.53	Lv. 8.00	Ar. Wellington	6.55	De. 3.00

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	Arrive.	Arrive.
Sidney	8.00 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
Port Guichon	11.30 a.m.	
Cloverdale	12.15 pm.	
N. Westmin'r	1.45 p.m.	
Vancouver Ar.	2.45 p.m.	

Southbound.	Daily. Arrive.	Daily. Arrive.
Victoria	7.20 p.m.	9.30 a.m.
		Leave.
Sidney	6.20 p.m.	8.30 a.m.
Port Guichon	3.00 p.m.	
Cloverdale	2.12 p.m.	
New Westminster	1.00 p.m.	
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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of $3 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. Dept. Interior.

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In the spring of 1902 Col. Prior offered himself as a candidate for the Legislature and was elected on his guarantee that the government of which he became a member had entered into a contract to make Victoria the terminus of the Canada Northern railway.

Furthermore he offered to resign if the contract was not signed.

Col. Prior was elected. The contract when submitted to the House showed that Victoria was not the terminus of the railway, and that no contract had been signed by Mackenzie & Mann.

Col. Prior was challenged to resign, as he had pledged his word that he would. He declined to do so, but sent his resignation to the members of his committee to be made public if they deemed fit.

He continued to hold office until the revelations in connection with the Chimney Creek affair compelled the Lieut.-Governor to dismiss him.

On November 3rd the people of Victoria, whom he so grossly deceived, will have their first opportunity to register their disapprobation of his act.

READ THE RECORD

From Col. Prior's election address, March, 1902: "I took this step because the Premier and his colleagues proved to me beyond all doubt that they had arranged a contract with Mackenzie & Mann to continue their great transcontinental line (the Canada Northern) from the eastern boundary of British Columbia across the province . . . to Victoria, thus making our fair city the Pacific terminus of their splendid railway system. This contract has been signed by Mackenzie & Mann. . . . I have examined a copy of the contract carefully as a business man, and it must, in my humble opinion, meet with the hearty approval of all well-wishers of the city."

From Col. Prior's speech, March 4th, 1902: "Premier Dunsmuir and his colleagues showed him the contract; he read it carefully, and it is as good a contract as any government can make with contractors. He had more money to bet that the contract was signed."

From Col. Prior's speech, March 5th, 1902: "The contract would soon be placed before the public, as Mr. Greenshields had wired that he would arrive here to-morrow night."

From Col. Prior's speech, March 8th, 1902: "Mr. Greenshields had brought the necessary contracts from Toronto, and by to-morrow afternoon the E. & N. would be in the possession of Mackenzie & Mann."

At a public meeting on March 4th, the following dialogue took place:

Mr. McPhillips—I understand, Col. Prior, that on the faith of the contract shown to you, you decided to enter this government.

Col. Prior—Certainly, I said so.

Mr. McPhillips—In that contract, as I understand it, there is a provision that the building of the road is only to be built contingent upon aid from the Dominion government?

Col. Prior—No; that is not the case.

Mr. McPhillips—I ask you this question, Col. Prior, that if that contract does contain a provision that the road is only to be built contingent upon aid from the Dominion government, will you retire?

Col. Prior—Certainly. (Loud cheers.)

On March 8th Col. Prior said: "The latter part of clause 18 had been cut out on the representation of the government, and in its place a clause had been inserted stipulating that the contractors should start work three months after they had obtained assurance of assistance from the Dominion government."

On Monday, March 10th, A. E. McPhillips addressed Col. Prior an open letter, as follows:

"Dear Col. Prior:—You will of course remember my putting a question to you on Monday evening at the Victoria theatre, that if it was stated in the contract with the Canada Northern Railway Company that construction of the railway depended on Dominion assistance, would you retire? Your answer was 'Certainly.'

"You stated at your meeting at the same place on Saturday night such a condition was now contained in the contract, but up to the present time I have had no intimation that you have retired from the contest.

"I cannot believe that a pledge given by you under such conditions will be broken. I can only believe that it will be adhered to, and at any moment I expect to be advised that you no longer continue in the contest.

"If I might be permitted to advise you in any way it seems to me that now is your opportunity to retreat from a position so absolutely untenable that nothing but a signal defeat awaits you.

"A. E. M'PHILLIPS."

On the eve of election Col. Prior kept an impatient audience waiting in the Victoria theatre till midnight for Mr. Greenshields and the signed contract. The audience finally wended their way home, with the following wail from the Colonel ringing in their ears:

"The contract is not completed yet."

"Negotiations are going on to complete the contract."

"I'll be honest and truthful with you. I hoped to have had the contract completed before election day."

"I am sorry for my own sake I cannot tell you the contract is completed."

Col. Prior was elected on the strength of those assurances, and on the distinct pledge that he would resign if the contract was not as he represented.

Was the Contract as he represented it? and if not, Did he resign?

Electors of Victoria, square your account with Col. Prior on Nov. 3.

Dean Hole, the noted English clergyman who died recently, was the leading figure in many humorous stories. On one occasion he was crossing the channel after a visit to the continent, the voyage being very stormy. The dean was a bad sailor, and had suffered a great deal on the trip.

At Dover he was looking over the railway company's rules on the station wall as a fellow-passenger came up. Said the dean: "After that stormy voyage, we have at least one advantage in making the subsequent trip to London. I see the company carries returning empties at reduced rates."

If indulgence in jealous, hateful thoughts was only wasting time it wouldn't be so bad, but it is wasting vital energy and peace of mind.

A washerwoman applied for help to a gentleman, who gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows:

"Dear Mr. X.—This woman wants washing."

Very shortly afterward the answer came back:

"Dear Sir—I dare say she does, but I don't fancy the job."

OCTOBER 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH.

World's Fair excursion tickets to Chicago, St. Louis and all eastern cities will be sold by the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY on October 27th, 28th, and 29th, in addition to October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Apply to any Great Northern agent for rates and full information.

A Visit to a Russian Censor

Russia is essentially a land of disappointments. Many of the things which one imagined magnificent or terrible before one visited the country prove on closer inspection to be nothing of the kind. There are few institutions whose very name is so awe-inspiring and mysterious as the Russian censorship of the press, but a visit to the office where that function is performed is sufficient to dispel the illusion.

The censorship is of two kinds—that of the local press and that of the foreign press. The former takes place before the newspapers in question are published, but some specially-favored periodicals are exempted from the preliminary censorship, although, of course, they are liable to confiscation, suspension, or suppression, if they publish anything obnoxious to the powers that be. The censorship of the foreign press, which is under a different department, is a more complicated and interested matter. A foreigner coming to Russia for the first time will be surprised at the state in which the foreign newspapers appear—certain articles and paragraphs are plastered over with a thick coating of some black substance in a crisscross pattern, gritty with powder, rendering them quite illegible; in some cases part of a page, or even a whole one, is cut out boldly. If he manages to obtain that same number of the paper which has not been censored he will probably see that the erased matter contained either a criticism of Russia's internal policy, an unfavorable or even merely flippant allusion to the Imperial family, or an account of some revolutionary movement within the Russian Empire. The way the foreign press is dealt with by the censorship is as follows: There is a head censor's office in St. Petersburg where all the newspapers addressed to persons in the capital or its district are sent. These are then subjected to the censorship and the obnoxious passages erased; sometimes every copy of the paper will be kept back or destroyed. In the case of a few of the more important papers the list of obnoxious passages is telegraphed to the local censors in other parts of Russia for erasion. The other papers are dealt with locally. During the present war there has been very little suppression of war news in the foreign papers. However unfavorable to Russia, or however devoid of foundation, they are generally allowed to pass unblacked. But all allusions to the internal situation, to disturbances, strikes, or political crimes are ruthlessly obliterated. It is the same with news concerning the Imperial family, and in the illustrated papers all portraits of the Czar are erased, for none save duly authorized portraits of His Majesty are permitted in Russia. The most violent attacks on Russia's foreign policy are untouched, and so are all criticisms of her generals' strategy. On the other hand, reflections on the morale of her troops, or any suggestion of disaffection among them, are erased. Sometimes curious mistakes are made, such as the erasing of the wrong paragraph (the censor, having read the paper, notes all passages to be erased on the front page, and hands it to a subordinate, who applies the caviar, as the blacking is called, or the scissors). On one occasion, for instance, an account in a London daily of a certain race meeting was blacked out, whereas a violent attack on the same page on the late M. de Plehve's police system passed uncensored.

It is possible to obtain one's papers uncensored, but the permission is only granted to Russians of high position who are known to be untainted by revolutionary views, and to foreign residents of good standing and respectability. Even the latter sometimes find difficulty in obtaining it, and have to make repeated petitions extending over a considerable length of time. When permission is obtained the papers, instead of being replaced in their original wrappers as is done in the case of those subjected to the censorship, are sent in closed envelopes bearing the words "to be given into the hands of the addressee." Even these privileged persons, however, do not get their papers regularly, and often have to complain of the loss of a number.

One would naturally suppose that such an "instrument of moral oppression" as the censorship would be performed in some mysterious spot, preferably underground, or, at all events, with the windows heavily shuttered so as to exclude every ray of daylight, guarded by truculent-looking gendarmes armed to the teeth. The censor himself I imagined to be a tall, bewhiskered, and uniformed official with colored spectacles, and an expression of diabolical cunning. A large staff of competent assistants, all of them marvellous linguists, would be carefully reading every line of every foreign newspaper, and marking all objectionable passages with blue pencils, to be afterwards "caviared" or cut out. All this I believed, but I never thought for a moment that I should ever be admitted into that awful sanctum. Even to approach such a spot would be risking one's life or liberty. Imagine my astonishment when I was informed that I might quite easily be introduced to the censor, and even visit him in his office! I availed myself of the first opportunity of doing so, through the good offices of a friend who knew the censor. The censorship of the foreign press is carried on in the Central post office of the town of X., a large, dirty, rambling building, painted a yellowish pink color outside. At the head of a flight of stairs is a door with the words "Tzenzura Inostrannikh Gazet" (Censorship of Foreign Newspapers) written over it. We enter a sort of antichamber, a long, dirty, untidy apartment, with no furniture but a large kitchen table. On it is a flat slab with some black shiny substance. This was the famous "caviar," officially known as Dutch glue. Close by was a small square stamp with the familiar pattern of crosslines in relief. This method is not, by the way, of much use for illustrated periodicals, as the shiny paper on which they are printed does not take to the "caviar," so that if anything very objectionable appears, recourse is had to the scissors.

We were received by a dingy-looking gentleman in a rusty black coat, who informed us politely that the censor was out. My friend began making inquiries concerning a paper of his which had not come for weeks, and eventually we passed into the inner room, where the papers were kept. It was a somewhat more decent apartment, but dusty and untidy, furnished with a large writing table, some chairs, and four pigeon-holed cupboards labelled, "English," "French," "German," and "Various," respectively. Table, chairs, and floor were covered with a litter of newspapers of all kinds, in all languages, in the wildest state of confusion, some spread out, some still under their original wrappers, and a few in closed envelopes, odd sheets lying about separated from their fellows, quantities of cuttings overflowing the waste-paper basket on to the floor. A white-haired, decrepit old man of seventy-five, the censor's only assistant for the "intellectual" part of the work, was standing behind the table, listlessly looking through papers. On being asked if the missing periodicals were among them, he expressed his utter inability to find them, and a glance at the wild chaos of the apartment more than justified the excuse. After a few minutes' waiting, the censor himself appeared, also an old man, nearly seventy years of age, suffering from St. Vitus's dance, and afflicted by a fatal idea that he can talk English. He is a state councillor, with the civil rank of general, wears a black suit with a white evening tie, has amiable manners, and is always ready to do any favor in the way of forwarding papers which are in his office. But the awful confusion of the office is such that the fulfilment of his promises is a herculean task. Another difficulty is due to the fact that his wife keeps a pension, and when a guest expresses a wish to see a particular paper before it has been "caviared," the kindly old censor picks out a copy at random from among the litter and brings it home. The guest often keeps the periodical in question an indefinite time, or loses it, and, meanwhile, the addressee, who has paid for it, wonders what has become of it, and curses Russia and all its arrangements. Further promises were extracted concerning the lost paper, a small exchange of compliments, and we took our leave of this office—a picture of administrative inefficiency.

WORLD'S FAIR RATES EXTENDED.

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If the selfish person only knew enough he would try to think well rather than ill even of his enemies.

Do not forget that from 1896 to 1903, under Liberal government, the trade of Canada has increased from $239,025,360 to $467,064,685. Do you want to check the progress of the Dominion? A vote for Col. Prior will mean that you do.

THE PEACE-PIGEON.

Little Edna stood looking at an empty cage that hung in the schoolroom window, and cried as if her heart would break, for she was in great distress. Indeed, she had never felt quite so unhappy before, or so angry with her little brother, and no wonder, as you will say when you hear what it was he had done. For her mischievous brother, Guy, had actually gone upstairs that afternoon and opened the door of the little cage of Edna's pet canary, "Dicky," so that it had flown out of the open window. And she would never, never see it again. For she had so loved her dear little bird, that sang to her every morning when she came to feed it. Oh, how angry she felt—as if she could never forgive Guy. But something told her it was very wicked to have such feelings.

"I say, Edna, I'm awfully sorry, you know; I am, indeed; and I'll try and get the bird back for you. You will forgive me, won't you, for doing it"

It was Guy who had come up behind her, and very penitent and sorry he looked.

"Yes, I forgive you," sobbed Edna, "but I do wish you hadn't done it." But no one knew how hard it was for Edna to say it.

Guy felt thoroughly ashamed of himself, as he went downstairs murmuring that "the canary might be in the garden somewhere," and Edna followed, but with little hope of finding it.

Why, whatever was that? For something had fluttered to her feet. As Edna stooped to pick it up she saw it was a tiny grey feather; but not, alas, one of "Dicky's." She looked round for Guy, but he had gone. Then she looked again at the grey feather, which seemed as if it came from the breast of a dove. All of a sudden, she heard a small voice at her ear whisper:

The Peace-pigeon's feather falls on you,
Dear Edna, because forgivenness true
You show to those who vex you; see
You guard the treasure carefully!

It so startled Edna, she did not know what to do. All at once she saw such a darling fairy fluttering down beside her, all in shining grey, with lovely iridescent wings like the plumage round the neck of a dove.

"Do not be frightened, dear Edna," said the Fairy, "the peace-pigeon has given you a feather, and only those who forgive those that vex them may find it. It is the happiest thing that could befall you, for as long as you keep that tiny grey feather anger and unkindness will never find a place in your heart."

"But, oh, I should like to see the peace-pigeon," cried Edna.

"That you may not do," answered the little fairy gravely, "the peace-pigeon soars so high that none may ever see him, but those who find his feathers will perhaps some day catch a glimpse of him." And the fairy stroked Edna's head so tenderly with her soft fingers that the little girl felt strangely consoled.

All at once "Sweet! sweet! sweet!" sounded over her head. Why, yes, there he was, her precious "Dicky." And Edna was so delighted, she forgot even the beautiful fairy, as the canary flew down to her, and perched on her hand, and chirped so sweetly. And this was what he really said:

"Edna dear,
Your birdie's here,
How could he roam,
Away from home;
Such a mistress kind
Where else would he find?"

"I told you the peace-pigeon's feather would bring you good luck, Edna," whispered the fairy; remember always to forgive and forget injuries, and some day you may see the peace-pigeon itself." And saying that, the fairy vanished.

Presently Edna took her bird up to the schoolroom, and just as "Dicky" was being put back into his cage up came Guy. He ran up to his sister and kissed her, but all he could say was, "Oh, Edna, I am so glad!" But, of course, he knew nothing about the "peace-pigeon."

Hotel Victoria

E. CAVE, Proprietor.

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NOTICE

TENDERS

Sealed and endorsed "Tenders for Debentures" will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 28th day of November, 1904, at 4 p. m., for the purchase, in whole or in part, of Local Improvement Debentures of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, as follows:

1. Debentures amounting to $12,497.20, issued under authority of the "Yates Street Local Improvement By-Law," dated 1st May, 1904, maturing 1st day of May, 1914. Of the said debentures $7,368.60 are issued upon the credit of the real property immediately benefited by the work of local improvement, and $5,128.60 upon the credit of the whole municipality.

2. Debentures amounting to $12,528.37, issued under authority of the "Yates Street (Upper Part) Local Improvement By-Law," dated the 10th day of June, 1904, maturing the 10th day of June, 1914, and secured upon the credit of the whole municipality.

3. Debentures amounting to $16,762.54, dated the 15th day of September, 1904, maturing 15th day of September, 1914, and secured upon the credit of the whole municipality.

The denomination of the debentures (with the exception of remainders) is $500.00, and they bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at the office of the City Treasurer, Victoria. The tenderer must state the net price at Victoria which he will pay. In addition to the net price the purchaser will have to pay the Corporation the interest on the said debentures, for the period between the date of issue of each set of debentures, as above mentioned, and the date of receipt of the purchase money therefor by the City Treasurer.

The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B.C., October 18th, 1904.

To Contractors

THE C.P.R. HOTEL AT VICTORIA, B.C.

TENDERS

Are invited by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for the erection of a seven-story Stone and Brick Hotel at Victoria, B. C.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the offices of the Chief Engineer of the Company at Montreal and at Vancouver, also at the offices of F. M. Rattenbury, architect, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders must be accompanied by a marked cheque equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of tender; this cheque to be forfeited in case any contractor fails to enter into a contract, and furnish bonds in accordance with the plans and specifications, if called upon to do so; but will be returned to all contractors as soon as the contract is signed.

Tenders to be made out in duplicate upon the printed forms provided by the Company and addressed on or before December 29th, 1904, to Geo. H. Webster, Division Engineer, Vancouver.

The Company reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders.

NOTICE.

All persons having clothing at the Tailoring and Dyeing Establishment of the late T. W. Pierre will kindly claim it inside of 30 days.

MRS. T. W. PIERRE.